

# CITIZENS PARLEY PLEDGES TWU AID

## Name Committee to See O'Dwyer

By MICHAEL SINGER

In a last-minute effort to avert the impending transit strike, a nerve-tingling conference representing more than 1,300,000 citizens of New York City rallied yesterday afternoon to the demands of the CIO Transit Workers Union. It elected a committee of 35 leading CIO, AFL, civic, fraternal and community spokesmen to take up the union's fight with Mayor William O'Dwyer at City Hall at 1 p.m. today.

The CIO transit workers with over 20,000 dues-paying members out of a total of 32,000 transit workers on the city's subways, buses and trolley lines, is asking a \$2 a day wage increase and a collective bargaining contract.

The conference, called by the Greater New York Industrial Union Council and the TWU last Thursday, filled the Oak Room of the Capitol Hotel, 50 St. and Eighth Ave., with 566 representatives of 466 organizations from the five boroughs and Long Island.

Mayor William O'Dwyer in a wire to CIO president Philip Murray tonight said, that the city "cannot and will not recognize any organization as a sole, exclusive bargaining agency for civil service employees."

O'Dwyer asked the CIO head to use his influence to avert a strike. Following by one day the demonstration of 7,000 transit workers before the Board of Transportation offices on Saturday, the conference laid down a stirring challenge to the stubborn anti-labor stand of Gen. Charles P. Gross, chairman of the board and the maneuvers of the city through its Disaster Board to create an atmosphere of panic and violence aimed at forcing the TWU to give up its demands.

One of the most dramatic and expressive reflections of public opinion New York has seen in a long time, the conference was demonstratively enthusiastic and grimly silent by turns. Delegates reflected the seriousness of the crisis in their speeches and in the tumultuous applause they gave to every spokesman who pledged his organization's all-out effort to "see this thing through to the end."

Representatives of AFL unions who pledged funds and moral support to the TWU were given ovations.

Michael Quill, CIO transit leader and City Councilman, who received a standing ovation, declared that the union was still willing to meet with "anyone, anyone at all, from Gen. Gross to the office boys" to avert the strike. He reiterated the union's willingness to arbitrate and negotiate and said that if the board insisted he would be willing to with-

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## 'Break With Franco' Sweeps France

PARIS, Feb. 24 (UP). — President Felix Gouin's government tonight faced increasingly strong pressure to break all relations with Spain.

The anti-Franco attacks exploded when Cristino Garcia Granda and nine other Spanish Republicans who had fought with the French Resistance Movement were executed last week in Spain.

The executive committee of the World Federation of Trade Unions, to which the CIO is affiliated, asked its 50 member nations to sever relations with Spain.

The Communist Party newspaper L'Humanite demanded a breach of diplomatic relations, an economic boycott and the expulsion of all

Spanish consuls from France.

L'Humanite warned against armed intervention, asserting that the Spanish people themselves are strong enough to oust Franco. An economic boycott, it said, would "powerfully encourage the noble Spanish people in the struggle they are waging alone against these executioners."

Leftwing organizations have scheduled a mass meeting for Tuesday evening to call for a break in relations and chief speaker will be Jacques Duclos, Communist Party Secretary and Vice-President of the Constituent Assembly.

Smaller protest meetings erupted over the city and a parade filed through the streets be-

hind French, Spanish and Catalan flags. Speakers demanded the delivery of French traitors who had found refuge in Spain.

At Bordeaux thousands of French and Spanish Republicans massed to protest against the executions and unanimously approved a motion asking for a "break of all relations with the bloody trooper who is continuing in Spain the horrors of Hitlerism."

[The French Government tried unsuccessfully to soft pedal the anti-Franco campaign. It apparently wants to avoid a breach unless it is acting in close harmony with the United States and Great Britain.]



# Million Workers Still on Strike

More than a million workers remain on strike throughout the country as major corporations continued to press for high profit guarantees via the price line before they settle with their workers.

Still on strike are more than 350,000 steel workers chiefly in fabricating plants; 175,000 General Motors workers now rounding out the 14th week of their walkout; 175,000 of General Electric and Westinghouse; 30,000 of International Harvester.

More than 200,000 other workers are estimated to be involved in smaller CIO, AFL and independent strikes throughout the country.

Among the new strikes scheduled are 7,000 workers in 18 plants of the American Smelting and Refining Co., called out this morning by the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers. President Robinson of the union said negotiations broke down last night.

Officials of the General Electric Co. and the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, are scheduled to resume negotiations this morning. They were summoned by mediator Arthur S. Meyer.

## GM TALKS RECESS

General Motors talks, increased during the weekend, are due to resume today with both sides still far apart on several key issues.

Nearly half of the steel workers who walked out on Jan. 22 are still out as fabricating companies insist on price raises as high as 35 per cent before they sign the contract providing on 18½ cents an hour raise.

A meeting of the 175-man policy committee of the United Steelworkers at Pittsburgh, demanded continued price control and rejection of unjustifiable price rise demands. The committee also issued an appeal to locals to increase aid for the members still on strike.

International Harvester, mean-

## CIO Executive

### Meets in Washington

A meeting of the CIO's executive committee will be held at Washington today. A statement of policy on President's wage price order and other problems are expected to come up.

while, refused to come to terms on the basis of the fact-finding committee's recommendation of an 18 cents raise, until assured a price boost. The United Farm Equipment Workers already approved the recommendations as a basis for a settlement.

The National Federation of Telephone Workers continued its preparation for a nation-wide strike of 250,000 workers March 7.

Four thousand Greyhound Bus Co workers are voting on a fact-finding committee recommendation of a 14 percent raise. They were on strike between Oct. 1 and Jan. 4. If the proposal is rejected there was a possibility that the strike would resume.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 24 (UP).—Officials of the Duquesne Light Co., meeting with representatives of an independent union and a three-man mediation board, today proposed arbitration in the settlement of a two-county power strike scheduled to begin at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday.

A day-long negotiation session in the offices of Mayor David L. Lawrence, was recessed until 7:30 p.m. while seven-man committee of the Independent Association of Duquesne Light Company employees studies the arbitration proposal.



**Boo Hearst, Defy Threats:** Part of the 1,000 transit workers at the 148 St. Car Maintenance yard who held a shop gate demonstration on Washington's Birthday in protest against a poster of the Board of Transportation warning them against striking. Transit unionists can be seen tearing up the Journal-American which carried a front-page red-baiting attack on Michael Quill, City Councilman and leader of the TWU.

## Citizens Parley Supports Demands of Transit Union

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draw from the negotiations and have Philip Murray, CIO chief and Douglas McMahon "or any of the other able TWU leaders" carry on the discussions.

The delegates shouted "no, no." Quill said, "the Disaster Control Board, not one of whose members has ridden in a subway in the past 25 years, is driving this city to disaster." He warned Police Commissioner Wallender that attempts to run the subways with scabs was dangerous and fruitless.

"The days of Bergoff and mass scab recruiting in New York is gone," he said, "and if the city permits scabs to handle the vital tunnel pumps under the rivers, the result will be floods and death to thousands of subway riders."

The conference told off the Board of Transportation, Gen. Gross, Mayor O'Dwyer, the Disaster Control Board and John L. Lewis, in the following ways:

- Adopted a resolution unanimously urging Mayor O'Dwyer "to order an election to be held among the transit employees to determine which union will represent them in collective bargaining."

- Called on the Mayor and the Board of Transportation "to use all of their efforts to avoid interruption of transit services" and refer the issue to a "qualified citizens committee for study and arbitration."
- Assailed the "apparent unwillingness" of the board to bargain collectively with the transit workers.

- Appointed a committee of 36 headed by Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, to present the conference resolution to the Mayor today.
- Pledged funds for an immediate newspaper advertising campaign to bring the true story of the TWU demands to the public.

- Gave Douglas McMahon, president of the TWU in New York City an ovation when he linked the Board of Transportation and reactionary forces in the city with John L. Lewis in "a plot to destroy the CIO Transit Workers Union."
- Cheered AFL spokesmen who pledged their union's efforts to support the TWU and the CIO movement in New York in its wage and collective bargaining demands.
- Took hundreds of thousands of TWU leaflets for citywide distribution today.

The highlights of the conference came in rapid-fire order. Wellington Roe, author and journalist, who acted as chairman, never had an opportunity to make a strike fund appeal for newspaper ads. Delegates rose from the floor and set off an impromptu surge of fund pledges that overwhelmed the chair and evoked one ovation after another.

The City CIO contributed \$2,000 and other groups to pledge large funds for purchase of ads in the press were the CIO Department Store Workers with \$500; Local 65, \$100; the Furriers Union, \$1,000; the NMU, \$1,000; the AFL Cooks, \$100; the AFL Hotel Service Employees, \$100; the Bronx American Labor Party, \$500; the National Negro Congress, \$100; the Newspaper Guild, \$250; the Manhattan ALP, \$500; the Harlem People's Committee, \$50; the CIO Sanitation Department Workers, \$100.

The conference cheered Benjamin J. Davis and Peter V. Cacchione, Manhattan and Brooklyn Communist Councilman, respectively, when they donated \$100 jointly.

A pledge of funds which brought the delegates to their feet cheering was that from Joseph P. Selly, president of the American Communications Assn., which led the victorious strike against Western Union.

"Though our till is tapped and we've been tapping yours plenty," the young CIO strike leader told the conference, "the Western Union employees who are still threatened by strike provocations will contribute \$200 to the transit union. We'll give the money and the support."

Another union which stirred the delegates with expressions of fund support was the Motion Picture Operators, Local 306, AFL.

Quill promised that essential services would be taken care of by the transit workers. Pointing to Dr. Alex Goldman of the Bronx Hospital who was in the audience, he hailed the "progressive, public-spirited stand" of the physician and said that the hospitals would not suffer for lack of transit or service if a strike took place.

The delegates roared and stamped their feet when Quill concluded:

"This time we're not bluffing. This time we mean it. This time we'll take on our enemies. And this time we'll win."

The union's joint executive com-

mittee will meet Tuesday night for last minute steps. At the demonstration on Saturday, Quill and other TWU leaders had told the 7,000 transit workers to "don their walking shoes" beginning midnight Tuesday if a settlement was not forthcoming by that time.

Another development yesterday was the stand of the Teachers Union at Manhattan Center where 1,000 teachers backed the demands of the TWU and pledged full support.

Former Commissioner of Water, Gas and Electric, Maurice P. Davidson, now a trustee of the New York Power Authority, issued a statement yesterday urging "immediate negotiations and a fair settlement." Davidson called for a citizens' committee to be formed to intervene in the transit crisis and force an equitable settlement of the problem.

## Call Off Houston AFL Stoppage

HOUSTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—The AFL Building Trades Council today called off a city-wide work stoppage which had been scheduled to start at 6 p.m. (EST).

D. W. Maxwell, council official, in a radio announcement made just three hours before the strike was to start, said that the union "had no desire to cause hardship to the citizens of Houston."

The announcement was made shortly after a meeting of the council—an executive organization of AFL unions in Houston—and leaders of two unions that struck last week.

The city-wide strike had been scheduled in support of the strikers.

## Eight More Germans Rise From Mine Tomb

UNNA, Germany, Feb. 24 (UP).—Eight more survivors were brought to the surface from the shattered Monopole mine today as rescue workers braved heat, gas and smoke in an attempt to reach 417 other men trapped by explosion and fire in the pit last Wednesday.

Rescue operations were resumed yesterday after Enio Gronar, a mine electrician, was found alive as the main shaft was being sealed with concrete.

## State CP Hits Transit Scabs as Safety Peril

Plans of the Board of Transportation to operate the subway lines with scabs were condemned yesterday by the N. Y. State Communist Party as "a menace to the lives of all New York's subway riders."

Meeting at party headquarters, 35 E 12 St., the committee adopted the statement unanimously. The text of the statement, signed by Robert Thompson, party state chairman, follows:

"New York City now faces a transit crisis because of the refusal of the Board of Transportation and the City Administration to meet the justified demands of the Transport Workers Union. The authorities callously ignore the needs of the workers and the record of responsibility, skill and devotion shown by the transport workers through the years.

"The public-spirited activities of the Transport Workers Union was made especially clear to all New York in recent months when it almost single-handedly blocked the outrageous steal by which the monopolist Consolidated Edison hoped to buy the city's power houses for a song.

"It is the plain duty of the Administration to follow the procedure established in many other cities, that is, to bargain collectively with the union of the workers' own choice, and to negotiate or arbitrate the wage demands of the workers, as requested by the union leadership.

"Strikebreaking plans of the Board of Transportation headed by the brass-hat Gen. Gross, to run the lines with civil service workers corralled from various departments constitute a menace to the lives of all New York's subway riders. It will arouse the most bitter indignation among millions of New Yorkers, whether they are part of the great organized labor movement or not.

"AFL and CIO members will re-

gard this not only as an attack on the Transport Workers Union but a blow to the rights of all free labor.

"Gen. Gross' charge that only 'reckless agitators' are involved is a wholly irresponsible answer to the justifiable demands of the TWU for a \$2 daily increase and collective bargaining, demands which they are prepared to submit to arbitration and mediation. This strikebreaking move is a far cry from the solemn promises of collective bargaining rights made last fall by William O'Dwyer when he was candidate for Mayor.

It is the plain duty of the Mayor to return to collective bargaining with the Transport Workers Union to whom the transit workers have repeatedly given their complete confidence, as the only means of adjusting the dispute. Not strikebreaking but negotiation will avert a transit crisis.

"The N. Y. State Committee of the Communist Party, in session assembled, vigorously condemns the strikebreaking plans of the reactionary forces of our city. We are confident that the civil service employees will not permit themselves to be blackmailed into strikebreaking.

"We call upon all labor, AFL and CIO, and the general public to voice their protests to Mayor O'Dwyer and rally in full support of the just demands of the transit workers."

N. Y. STATE COMMITTEE  
COMMUNIST PARTY  
ROBERT THOMPSON,  
Chairman.

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# Britain Stirs Riots, Egyptians Charge

## BULLETIN

CAIRO, Feb. 24 (UP).—Egyptian students have called a nation-wide general strike for tomorrow to commemorate 13 Egyptians killed in Thursday's rioting and authorities immediately adopted special security measures to avoid more bloodshed.

The students' executive committee urged all Egyptians to take part so that "imperialists will feel the peoples' condemnation of their shameful challenge on unarmed demonstrators."

CAIRO, Feb. 24 (UP).—The Wafdist newspaper Al Balagh charged today that Thursday's bloody rioting, in

which 13 were killed and more than 100 injured, was deliberately provoked by Great Britain so that she could declare Egypt her "sacred trust" and maintain the country in its existing state.

The newspaper asserted that "British Nazis are out to protect their imperial lebensraum with machineguns against freedom-loving 'hooligans'."

University students and workmen have been demanding the evacuation of all British forces from Egypt.

Coincidentally with Al Balagh's editorial, Egyptian police made public their investigation into the riot and blamed British army trucks which hurtled straight into a

crowd of demonstrators at nearly 60 miles an hour, killing and injuring several.

Three Egyptians were slightly wounded today when police fired on a crowd which attempted to attack a Polish officer and three Polish soldiers.

The Poles reportedly were speeding past the governor of Cairo's office when their truck knocked down and ran over an elderly Egyptian woman. An Egyptian motorcyclist forced the truck to halt. Police held the crowd in check until reinforcements arrived.

After a brief investigation the Poles were handed over to Polish military police.

## Indonesians See War Steps in Dutch Stalling

BATAVIA, Feb. 24 (UP).—Dutch sources admitted today that solution of the Indonesian problem probably is months a way and that little headway has been made on Dr. Hubertus Van Mook's proposal for Indonesian home rule by means of progressive steps.

Indonesians still are united in their demands for independence, and are frankly distrustful of Dutch proposals, asserting that the Dutch are stalling while they organize military forces for an inevitable full scale war.

No date has been set for the withdrawal of British troops and it appears that they are likely to remain for at least six months longer.

There have been some defections among British and British Indian troops because of their sympathy with the Indonesians.

The British still are using Japanese troops in Semarang to help "keep order" and Japanese prisoners of war for labor duties.

## Anti-Petrillo Bill A Misnomer

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Rep. Vito Marcantonio (ALP-NY) who doesn't panic easily, takes a serious view of House passage last Thursday of the Lea bill, HR 5117, known as the "anti-Petrillo bill."

First, the bill is not directed against Petrillo; it is aimed at the American Federation of Musicians and through them at the musicians themselves.

Second, it is not directed merely against the AFM; it is a below-the-belt blow against the entire labor movement.

The measure, for the first time in history, Marcantonio said, makes it a criminal offense for a union member to strike. The intent of the House in this respect was fully revealed in its defeat of amendments by Marcantonio and Rep. B. J. Rabin (D-NY), which specifically protected the right to strike.

### BILL JAMMED THROUGH

Another serious aspect of the bill is that unlike the Case bill, it does not go before the Senate. That body has already passed a similar but less drastic measure. The two bills now go to conference.

The Lea bill was jammed through by the same coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats which passed the Case bill. But labor opposition was not as well organized. Some sections of labor and many middle-of-the-road Congressmen permitted themselves to be misled by the skillful propaganda of the reactionaries who described it simply as an anti-Petrillo bill.

Even the labor press has been referring to it as the anti-Petrillo bill instead of by its correct name, the Lea anti-labor bill.

Labor is now confronted with the task of forcing some modification in the conference report, but mainly with securing its veto by President Truman.



**Indians Battle British:** Seething with anger at continued British oppression huge crowds of Indians swept through Bombay battling British troops. Trucks like the one burning above were casualties in the fighting. So far 223 of the demonstrators have been reported killed and thousands more wounded as British troops ruthlessly suppress the liberty-demanding people.

## Argentine Vote Quiet; Fear Counting Frauds

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 24 (UP).—A record vote of possibly 3,000,000 ballots was cast in today's presidential election, Argentine's first in nine years. Order and quiet prevailed throughout the voting as Federal troops maintained a strict watch at the polls.

Anti-Peron newspapers openly predicted a landslide for Democratic Union candidate Dr. Jose Tamborini but definite results of the election will not be known for 20 or 30 days since votes are counted individually in each provincial capital.

Although representatives of every party with members registered at a given district are present at the polls, they have no way of keeping an unofficial tally.

Several things remain to be seen yet: (1) how honest the counting will be; (2) will the results be respected and (3) when, and for how long a term will the new president take over, since it is recalled that the military government's decree calling for the election did not set a date for the inauguration of the new administration.

## Death Toll in Bombay 223; Wounded 1,037

BOMBAY, Feb. 24 (UP).—An uneasy quiet settled on Bombay tonight after a week of rioting and Indian Navy mutiny in which, it was announced officially, 223 persons were killed and 1,037 wounded—a total of 1,260 casualties.

Two civilians were wounded Sunday when troops fired on a mob which surrounded and set fire to military vehicles in the suburban Shijavi Park. Fire engines were attacked

at one point and there were minor attempts at looting and erecting street barricades during the curfew hours of Saturday night and Sunday morning.

It was disclosed that at a number of points enlisted men of the Indian air force remained on strike but no incidents were reported.

In the sprawling city and aboard mutinied ships, troops, police and navy authorities were in complete control.

### POLICE DRAGNET

Police spread a net around the city and started rounding up "suspicious looking" persons. Many others were questioned. All main roads out of Bombay were reopened to traffic.

Vice Adm. J. H. Godfrey, commanding the Royal Indian Navy, ordered mutineers to return to work and normal routine without delay. No passive resistance to duty would be tolerated, Godfrey said. He promised a "full, impartial" inquiry into complaints which led to the mutiny.

Crews which mutinied were confined to their ships. No was made

known that preliminary inquiries were being started on the mutiny.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 24 (UP).—Calcutta was showing signs of returning to normal today as thousands of Moslems marched peacefully from all parts of the city to attend a mammoth open air rally.

Railroad and streetcar service was resumed this morning after yesterday's 24-hour strike called by workers as a protest against military and police action in Bombay and Karachi.

However, the city's hartal—shut-down of tradesmen's shops—continued into its tenth day, with traders who originally protested an increase in the sales tax now demanding complete repeal of the tax.

Mohammed Ali Jinnah, president of the Indian Moslem League, told a mass meeting of his followers in the Chowringhee area of the city that the league is not fighting to elect its candidates to office, but to establish Moslem Indian's claim to Pakistan—a separate state for areas in which Moslems predominate.

## 50,000 Take Over Tel Aviv at Funeral of Jews

JERUSALEM, Feb. 24 (UP).—Members of the Jewish Resistance Movement took over the modern city of Tel Aviv for six hours today as 50,000 attended the funeral of four raiders killed early Friday in an unsuccessful attack against the British.

Not a single British soldier was in evidence in the city as one-third of the population marched through the streets in a mile-long funeral cortege honoring the dead Jews, who were shot down when they attacked a British police mobile force at Sarona, a German colony near Tel Aviv.

## British Army Prisoners Riot

ALDERSHOT, England, Feb. 24 (UP).—One hundred fifty-seven British prisoner-soldiers remained barricaded in the main hall of the Aldershot military detention barracks today, pelting guards with pieces of slate and wood, after a full night of rioting in protest against poor and meager food.

Troops were rushed to the barracks. Military firemen, aided by powerful searchlights, deluged the rioters with water throughout the night. Early today most of the prisoners surrendered after officers spoke to them over a loudspeaker system.

## Assures U. S. Protection for Balt Fascists

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—The State Department has received assurances that no Balt, even if he fought for Germany against the Soviet Union, will be forcibly deported from the American zone back to his homeland.

(The State Department asked Gen. Joseph T. McNarney for them, apparently fearful the Baltic fascists masquerading as displaced persons might get what's coming to them if they are sent home, as the Soviet Union requests.)

## CHINESE NAME FASCIST PROVOCATEURS

### Communists, Democrats Nail Phony 'Demonstrators'

CHUNGKING, Feb. 24 (UP).—Both Communist and Democratic Parties today opened attacks on "fascist" groups which they said are opposing the program for unity and plotting a third world war.

The Communist New China Daily referred to the "Radical Youth Association of East Asia" and the "Resistance Army Men's Federation" as two new fascist groups which are "plotting internal blood-

shed and conflicts so as to overthrow decisions of the Consultative Council internally and arouse suspicions among Allies to instigate a third world war externally."

The newspaper observed there are similarities between these groups and the Japanese Black Dragon Society and "Reservist Association." It predicted assassinations in China similar to those of "Bloody Tuesday" and "Bloody Friday" in Tokyo.



# Injunctions Won't Produce Electric Goods

## AN EDITORIAL

After six weeks on strike, 175,000 General Electric and Westinghouse Electric workers received only one answer from the companies—INJUNCTIONS.

At Schenectady, East Pittsburgh, Bloomfield, N. J., and other cities, the workers are struggling for the right to picket.

This is also the answer to those who thought that a Washington wage-price formula will mean peace.

When negotiations were still in the pre-strike stage, the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers charged that these companies are on a

"sit-down" strike against the people—holding out for higher prices before they produce electrical appliances. They are now openly admitting that unless OPA assures them the high profits they have been raking in, they won't talk settlement.

Assured tax rebates guaranteeing them pre-war profits, and backed by reactionary-minded judges, these multi-million dollar corporations are set on union-busting, not on producing the things people need.

They also bank on a let-down of support for the strikers—on the much-publicized reports that strike settlements are "in the bag."

Labor must not be caught sleeping.

The UE strike is one of the sectors through which reaction is trying to break through the union line.

The money the companies are pouring out for newspaper ads, the injunctions and their arrogance, show what they want.

The strikers, solid as on the day the walkout began, are displaying militance and a determination. Their picket lines of thousands show that they know this is a hard fight.

They must be assured, through material and moral support, that labor and all common people, are fully behind them!

## Fear 'Spy' Scare Boomerangs

Byrnes Soft-Pedals Story, Ducks Ire on Super-Espionage Plan

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Efforts of Secretary of State Byrnes and a few other figures to play down the spy-scare stories a well-informed person said today, are motivated by their fear of moral indignation against espionage. They feel this will hinder the Administration's plan to secure appropriations to streamline and increase this country's secret service system.

The Administration's program has not been formally announced.

But it has crept into the gossip columns and has been hinted at by some of the "I-tell-all" radio commentators.

Joseph and Stewart Alsop devoted their column to this several weeks ago.

They said the decision to organize an American peacetime secret service had finally been made as a result of skillful campaigning by Brig. Gen. John Magruder.

The British secret service including the method of financing, is taken as a model. Thus the expenditures are never known. The organization would draw its funds from the Treasury without public accounting.

Some persons on Capitol Hill believed the spy-scare would frighten Congressmen and the people into approving the Magruder plan. But the majority were worried by the "moral" angle.

### TROUBLE WITH DRAFT

The latter are pointing to the trouble the President is having with his program for compulsory military training. The House Military Affairs Committee is badly split on the subject. Some of its members actively oppose the measure. Chairman Andrew May (D-Ky) has maneuvered to postpone enactment until the Government explores the possibility of a UNO decision abolishing conscription in all nations.

Truman told his press conference last week that May's plan had no hope of success. May got sore.

He abruptly cancelled further hearings on the bill, over the objections of committee members.

So far the weight of testimony before the committee has been opposed to compulsory military training. There was the sensational testimony of Brig. Gen. H. C. Holdridge (retired) who said the youth did not need the medieval caste system of the Army to teach them to clean their teeth and do third grade arithmetic. He said compulsory military training would be a stepping stone to World War III.

He was followed by a score of young men and women from college, high schools and religious organizations who echoed his sentiments.

Truman will push for his compulsory military training measure. It will be adopted unless the opposition maintains and increases its pressure. But a lot of Congressmen are disturbed. They would like to go down the line with Truman and—in this case—the American Legion and VFW leadership.

There is more than a passing connection between the compulsory military training measure and the new secret service program.



BYRNES

## GM Stalls as Press Tries to Bust Union

By WILLIAM ALLAN

DETROIT, Feb. 24.—A press and pressure campaign is under way to force the CIO United Automobile Workers to accept an agreement with General Motors that will weaken union organization.

Union negotiators, are refusing to accept such corporation proposals.

The union is also fighting against the return of promotions based on "merit" instead of seniority.

GM president, G. E. Wilson says that what he terms "company security" must be granted by the union before the company will offer a wage increase on or around the government's fact finding committee proposal of 19 1/2 cents an hour.

The local press for the last week

has run daily headlines that settlement of the strike is "an hourly expectation." Radio programs are constantly interrupted with "flashes" of news which generally consist of dope speculations emanating from the pipelines of GM press agents. In addition to that are statements from "circles high in the Administration in Washington" that "the strike better be settled soon" or that "both sides better stop stalling."

## Disabled Vets Hit Case Bill

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Disabled Veterans Post 849 of the American Legion today had opposed the Case Anti-Strike bill in letters to Illinois Senators C. Wayland Brooks and Scott W. Lucas.

The letters state:

"To a man, the members of the Disabled Veterans Post of the American Legion voiced their disapproval of the measure now before Congress to curtail strikes. The disabled veteran, with the belief that he speaks for the majority of his buddies, asserts the strike is labor's sole weapon. Without it he is beaten by the vast sums under the control of capital. He also sees this measure as the forerunner of many more to curb labor. Labor for the first time in decades, has been able to raise its voice and assert its rights in American life. Adoption of this bill will be a smashing victory for the industrialist, the great minority, which the House has seen fit to represent."

## Brooklyn CP Rallies On Freeport Case

An aroused Communist membership in the 2d A.D. of Brooklyn has called a mass neighborhood rally for tomorrow, Tuesday, to protest the attempted whitewashing of the slaying of the two Negro GIs in Freeport, L. I. The meeting will be held at the Aperia Manor on Kings Highway between E. Eighth and Ninth Sts.

Speakers will include Councilman Peter V. Cacchione, possibly one of the Ferguson brothers, and a prominent Negro speaker.

## Buffalo CIO Hits Freeport Slayings

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 24.—In signaling wires to Governor Dewey and the Nassau County District Attorney, the Buffalo CIO Council has gone on record demanding the release of Richard Ferguson, the imprisoned brother of the two slain Negro GIs in Freeport. They also demanded indemnity to the family and the arrest and prosecution of Patrolman Romeka, who did the killing.

Notice of the action was sent to all affiliates urging them to send similar protests.

## Office Union Assails Railroad Slayings

CLEVELAND, Feb. 24.—Condemning the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad for the shooting of unarmed pickets resulting in the death of two workers and the wounding of three others, the newly elected General Executive Board of the United Office and Professional Workers of America at its first meeting Saturday urged President Truman to seize the railroad and operate it on the basis of terms negotiated with the union.

The resolution also demanded prosecution to the full extent of the law of the perpetrators of their crime.

Copies of the resolution, which charged railroad president, George F. Neal, Jr., with operating an armored train under the pretense of making an inspection trip, were ordered sent to the Peoria Central Trade and Labor Council, and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, as well as the President.

## Two Trade Unionists Win Sub Drive Contest

Two unionists, Sol Kitain and Harry Jaffe, have been awarded prizes of equal value as the leaders in The Worker Sub-Getters Contest. The first prize offered by The Worker was a radio-phonograph combination. Kitain and Jaffe will each receive such a musical instrument.

The contest was part of The Worker circulation campaign which was successfully concluded on February 1. From November 15, 1945 to the closing date, more than 25,000 subscriptions were gotten for The Worker, the highest achieved in any campaign in the paper's history. At the same time bundle orders increased by over 3,000, also a new high point. The Sub-Getters Contest proved a real stimulus in the campaign.

### KITAIN GOT 340

In actual number of subs gotten, Kitain, of the Furniture Workers Local 140, led with 340 of which 108 were annual subs and 232 were six month subs for a total of 1,004 points. This is an unheard of number of subs to be gotten by any person in so short a time. Jaffe, of the Furrier Joint Council, got the close figure of 897 points based on 789 subs of which 173 were annual and 16 were six month subs. But Jaffe, who was in the leadership of the contest from the very beginning, was a spur to his fellow-trade unionists in the Furriers Club of the Communist Party, which achieved the astonishing total of 1,200 subs on a quota of 250. The furriers, with Jaffe in the lead, set the pace for all the contestants.

Morris Breecher, also of the Furriers, won third prize, a table model radio, for getting 175 subs for a total 848 points. The special award of a table model radio for the leading sub-getter in a district with a total quota of 200 or less went to Ray Teeple of Davenport, Iowa. He got 173 points on forty subs. Fourth prize went to a Brooklyn housewife, Rose Albert, who gave the trade union leaders a real battle for first prize by getting 173 subs for a total of 799 points. Leader of the out-of-town contingent, in ninth place, was Jim Parker, a packinghouse worker from Chicago who achieved his high point score of 400 while participating actively in a strike. Auto was represented by A. Beldean, a Packard worker, and Nelson Davis, a Ford worker.

### YEAR AROUND WORK

What stands out most in the contest is the fact that those who had carried on all year round activity dominated the prize-winning contestants. This is especially true of Kitain, Rose Albert, Sig Berger and Mildred Lombrozo among the top twelve.

They are in the overwhelming majority among the rest of the fifty-nine winners.

Four hundred and six readers participated in the contest, getting a total of 5711 subscriptions, or 22.8 percent of the total number of subs gotten. Of these, 59, with a total number of 3,607 subs, won prizes. Eighty-four more qualified for prizes, which meant that they



JAFFE

got a minimum of ten subs each, or a total of 1355.

In the Club Contest, the Furriers of New York won first prize, of a \$75 Marxist library, with an achievement of 424.4 percent of their quota. Second prize, a \$50 Marxist library, went to the Honeywell Shop Club of Minnesota, with 165.3 percent. Third prize, a \$25 Marxist library, went to the Allis Chalmers No. 1 Club of West Allis, Wisconsin with 154.5 percent. Because of its closeness, The Worker has decided to award a fourth prize, a \$25 Marxist library, to the Harvester Club, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which achieved 152 percent of its goal. Prizes are now being mailed to the winners.

The list of winners follows:

### FINAL STANDING IN SUB-GETTER CONTEST

NAME	City	Subs	Pts.
Sol Kitain	Bronx	340	1004
Harry Jaffe	Manhattan	173	897
Morris Breecher	Manhattan	175	848

### SPECIAL AWARD

Ray Teeple	Davenport, Ia.	40	173
LENIN HOME LIBRARY AWARD			
Rose Albert	Brooklyn	173	799
Julius Fleiss	Manhattan	163	797
Sam Resnick	Manhattan	140	649
Wm. Wellner	Manhattan	110	511
Sig Berger	Bronx	109	495

### FOUNTAIN PEN WINNERS

Jim Parker	Chicago, Ill.	99	400
Herbert Jones	Manhattan	86	397
H. Richman	Manhattan	83	362
Nat Cohen	Bronx	80	322
Joe Weiss	Brooklyn	80	300
A. Beldean	Detroit, Mich.	75	279
Sam Wollin	Manhattan	67	272
Nelson Davis	Detroit, Mich.	58	254
Murray Brown	Manhattan	50	229
Wallace Farber	Brooklyn	63	228

### WINNER OF WALLET

Hyman Winter	Brooklyn	43	215
Edith Leach	Cleveland, O.	54	313
Sol Schreyer	Bronx	43	191
Dave K.	Cleveland, O.	41	187
Jack Ostraver	Manhattan	42	183
Benj. Schmeidler	Brooklyn	38	178
Appel	Brooklyn	35	175
Les	Milwaukee, Wis.	54	174
B. S.	Cleveland, O.	48	168
Joe Weiss	Brooklyn	36	165
Sam Magid	Bronx	51	159
Anna Rider	Bronx	34	155
E. Feldman	Los Angeles, Cal.	30	150
Sid Shlman	Brooklyn	32	148
Sam Schmitt	Manhattan	48	137
Harry Fell	Chicago, Ill.	28	137
Sol Chakrin	Manhattan	28	137
Max Flahold	Brooklyn	31	134
Lazar Marks	Manhattan	40	134
Rebecca Lerner	Manhattan	29	133
Abu Kantor	Manhattan	29	130
Matt Cerda	Queens	47	130
Harry Higgins	Philadelphia, Pa.	39	129
Jimmie Weiss	Brooklyn	31	128
Jack Billings	Philadelphia, Pa.	31	125
Dorothy Zisser	Bronx	26	124
Max Mandel	Manhattan	33	123
St. Lesser	Queens	55	122
Jack Glass	Bronx	35	118
Owen	Milwaukee, Wis.	45	117
Ben Laberoff	Brooklyn	25	113
Frank Judge	Minneapolis, Minn.	25	113
Low Ains	Brooklyn	24	109
Morris S.	Cleveland, O.	23	106
Joe M.	Cleveland, O.	21	105
Mimi Dressin	Philadelphia, Pa.	29	104
Hank	Milwaukee, Wis.	27	103
Harold Hester	Kansas City, Mo.	27	102
Wayne Williams	E. St. Louis, Ill.	24	102
Sol Oaklander	Manhattan	25	101

### FINAL STANDING IN CLUB CONTEST

CLUB	City	Percent
Furriers	Manhattan	424.4
Honeywell Shop	Minneapolis, Minn.	165.3
A. C. No. 1	W. Allis, Wis.	154.5
Harvester	Milwaukee, Wis.	152.9



# 800 Queens Copper Strikers Tell Why They Fight 'Big Three' Trusts

By DOROTHY LOEB

Eight hundred CIO strikers are challenging the defiant rule of one of the nation's Big Three copper barons on a Queens picket line.

Their walkout has closed down the great refinery plant of the Phelps Dodge Corp., sprawled four blocks along the Newton Creek 30 minutes from Times Square.

The company, which increased gross profits 137.5 percent in the war years 1940-45 over the prewar years, 1935-39, flatly defied War Labor Board orders and refused to make even an offer of a wage increase to offset the rise in the cost of living.

The strike started Feb. 3, when management began to cart in cots and food for scabs. It promises to be a forerunner of a walkout affecting most plants of the Big Three in copper.

From the small house near the PD refinery that serves as strike headquarters, pickets keep a 24-hour line around the great Queens plant.

## NO SCABS

James T. Walsh, secretary of the striking union, told me proudly that there wasn't a scab in the place. The strike is 100 percent solid. But 35 foremen are in there, sleeping on the cots the company imported. They're afraid to face the strikers. If they do slip out, it's by motor launch along Newton Creek.

The railroad brotherhoods are co-operating. No freight comes in along the company's sidings. Trains go right by. Teamsters don't deliver. Barges remain at their moorings. You don't see office workers either. Some tried to go through the line the first few days of the strike. Pickets stopped them.

Strikers with years of service with PD (over 400 have more than five years seniority) told me how the union patiently fought and won its case before the War Labor Board only to have the big trust toss the decision into the waste basket.

The board ordered back pay running into millions, six paid holidays a year, night differentials, improved vacations, but the company said "No soap" and it said "No," too, to demands for raises in pay.

The base rate was only 80 cents an hour and on the eve of the strike work was due to be slashed from six to five days, cutting take home 25 percent.

Walter Bennett, president of the refining company, as much as said the trust wanted to get rid of the



JAMES T. WALSH

Secretary of the striking local, 12 years in the shop, he says: "I couldn't save a dime."

union altogether in first negotiations, Dichter said. But management's tune has changed, somewhat, since the wave of strikes got going throughout the country, the union added.

Already, PD plants in Elizabeth, N. J., and Fort Wayne, Ind., are out, too. Others due to close are at El Paso, Tex. Bisbee, Morenci and Douglas, Ariz., Tyrone, N. M., and Los Angeles, according to Irving Dichter, regional director of the CIO Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers.

Anaconda Wire & Cable Co. and the American Smelting & Refining Co., the other two of copper's Big

Three, are due to be struck too, Dichter says.

Anaconda's Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y. refinery is out on strike and the independent union at Raritan, N. J., may join the walkout today. AS&R plants have taken a strike vote and were to go on the picket line today if no developments resulted over the weekend.

## AVENGING JOE HILL

In Utah, the Utah Copper Co., the AS&R, and U. S. Smelting & Refining (Herbie Hoover has a finger in this pie), have been out since Jan. 27 in the greatest strike in the history of the state. Seventeen pickets at Bingham Canyon are helping to erase 40 years of anti-labor terror, which included the frame-up execution of Joe Hill, worker-bard, in 1916.

For all the remoteness of their strike, the refinery workers are getting their fight before the public.

Supporting citizens committees have been set up in Maspeth, Harlem and Greenpoint; where most of the workers live, Sam Pope, secretary of a relief committee, told me. He said gifts of food and money were beginning to come in well from these and Communist Party clubs.

A third of the strikers come from Harlem and the committee there is functioning particularly well, Pope added.

But he and John Bellotti, local president, 10 years a crane-man in the plant, stress that this will probably be a "long fight." "We're fighting one of the biggest, most powerful trusts in the country, one of the most vicious anti-labor outfits in America," says Bellotti. "We'll need all the help we can get."

The place to send it is, strike headquarters, 54-60 43rd St., Maspeth, or Mine, Mill & Smelter regional headquarters, 2 Columbus Circle, New York City.

## Round Table to Discuss Incomes

The wage-price situation will be the topic of a round table discussion Friday, March 1, at the YWCA, 337 E. 17 St., under the auspices of the East Midtown Committee for World Unity.

Speakers representing industry will be Edward Palmer, of Senior & Palmer, Inc., and Percy Nadel, of Delton Products, Inc. Labor will be represented by Charles Fay, vice-president of District 4 of the CIO electrical union; and Peter Duberg, of the Newspaper Guild, CIO.

Dr. Palmer Webber will act as moderator and Mrs. Evelyn Clay Everett, district chairman of the Red Cross, will be chairman.



ROMEO LAWRENCE

"We need more money. I can't support my wife and child on what I've been getting with prices what they are."

## Seamen Ban Scab Ciggies

Slop chests aboard ships under contract to the CIO National Maritime Union won't be carrying Lucky Strikes, Pall Malls and other American Tobacco products until the American Tobacco strike is settled, Ferdinand Smith, secretary of the union, announced yesterday.

The seamen's union banned American Tobacco product in support of the CIO Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers Union's strike at the company's plants in Charleston, S. C., Trenton, N. J., and Philadelphia, involving some 2,500 workers. To date, the company has refused to negotiate the strikers' demands for a 65 cent an hour minimum wage, a 25 cent an hour increase and a no-discrimination clause in the contract.

In a letter to all shipping companies under contract to the NMU, Smith informed them that the NMU "is supporting a campaign to boycott American Tobacco products. If these brands are purchased for slop chests aboard ship, our members will refuse to purchase them." He asked removal of the "hot" smokers.

## Cacchione to Speak On Freeport Slayings

Councilman Peter V. Cacchione, will speak at a rally tonight, demanding the removal and arrest of patrolman Joseph Romeka, slayer of Negro servicemen Charles and Alfonso Ferguson, and the wounding of Joseph Ferguson, in the now notorious Freeport case.

The meeting will be held at the Bethany Baptist Church, at Decatur St. and Sumner Ave., in Brooklyn, at 8 p.m.

The meeting will demand that Gov. Dewey and U.S. District Attorney Tom Clark investigate the slaying and that the Ferguson family be paid indemnity.

Speakers will include Mrs. Ada B. Jackson, Brooklyn War Parents Committee; Stanley Faulkner, Ferguson Attorney; Rev. W. O. Carrington and Rev. Thomas S. Harten.

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"I've been working here 17 years and this is a real tough company. Strike is the only way to make them deal with us right."



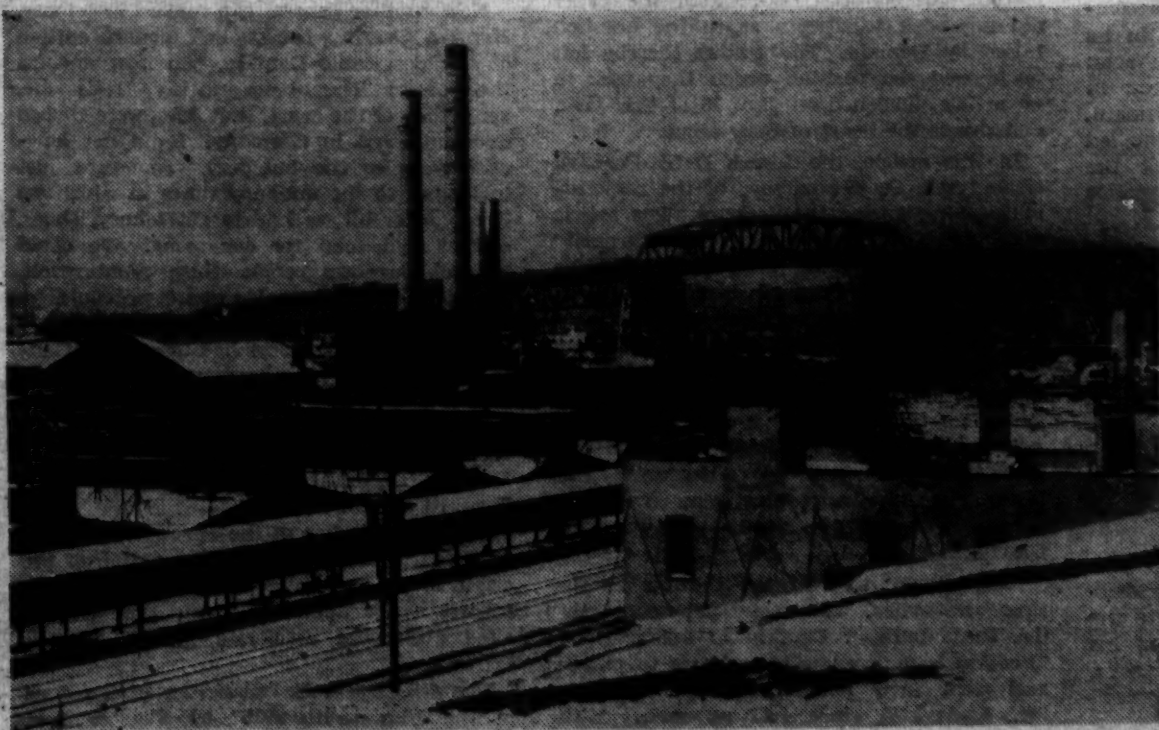
JOSEPH SCIACCA

Union vice-president, 11 years in the shop, he says his wife and daughter, 11, tell him: "Stay out until you win."



PATSY PARROTTA

An engineer's helper in the powerhouse, he says: "I've got a special stake in this fight. We're going to have a new baby any minute."



## Strike-Bound Phelps Dodge Refinery:

Scene of the wage struggle of 800 CIO workers, striking to enforce War Labor Board decisions and to win a \$2 a day wage increase, this 25-year-old plant in Maspeth, Queens, is only 30 minutes from Broadway but it's getting looks like an industrial valley in Pennsylvania or Ohio.

—Daily Worker photos



# 'Loran' -- Radio's Magical Radio Finger

By PETER STONE

One of the most closely guarded war secrets was the development of Loran, which is an abbreviation for the words LONG RANGE Navigation. This is a modern electronic method by which a navigator over land or sea can determine his position through the medium of radio signals.

The principles involved are not new; radio signals were used for navigational purposes as far back as World War I. But the early techniques had considerable inaccuracies in timing, and there was also too much interference in radio transmission because of faulty equipment.

Under the sponsorship of the Office of Scientific Research and Development a project was initiated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for improving the accuracy of radio location.

The scientists at MIT knew that radio waves travel at a constant speed. There is an exact relationship, therefore, between the time of travel and the distance traveled. Their problem was to time these waves accurately. They got it down so fine that if a pocket watch of comparable accuracy were made, it would run for ten years without losing or gaining a single second.

The Loran system of navigation is based on paired radio transmitting stations. One station, the master transmitter, sends forth its radio energy in all directions. These are synchronized with an other station, and activate radio pulses from the latter station. The navigator aboard the plane or ship picks up two sets of radio beams from these paired stations, whose location has been plotted on his chart. But he receives them at different times, measured by the highly precise MIT instruments in microseconds (millionths of a second).

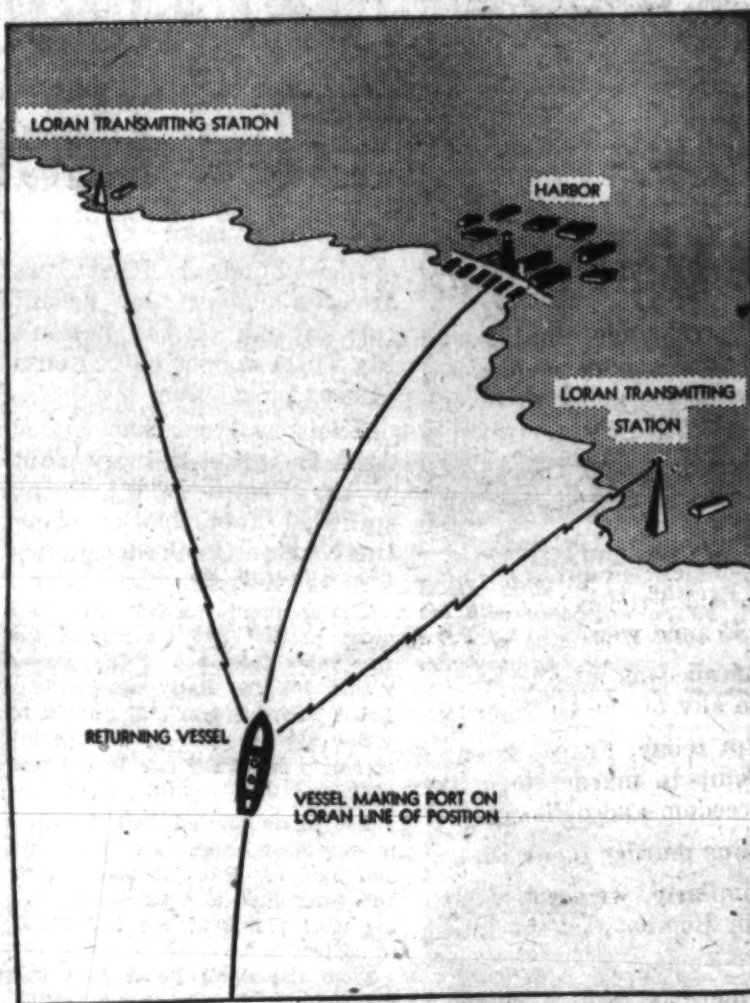
The time difference in the two radio signals give the navigator a Loran position. This informs the navigator of his general location in relation to the known radio transmitters. Tuning into another set of paired radio transmitters will give the navigator another direction of Loran reference. The point of intersection between the two Loran positions is the position or "fix" of the vessel.

The advantage of the new method is that it applies over longer distances than was possible with older methods of radio navigational aids. Its range covers from 200 miles overland to 1,400 miles at sea. It can successfully position vessels within a radius of 500 feet at the former distance and is accurate within a radius of about 25 miles at the maximum distance.

Loran is reliable under all kinds of weather and the operator can determine a position at sea in two or three minutes with an accuracy comparable to good celestial observations. The latter method involves shooting the sun or stars with a sextant and the use of complex mathematical calculations.

At present there are about 50 Loran transmitting stations established along the Atlantic and Aleutians. It was some of these stations that helped us win the bitter battle of the Atlantic in 1942. Loran guided transport planes over the hump between India and China. It provided a blind-bombing system over Germany and guided home the plane that dropped the atomic bomb over Hiroshima.

Electronic engineers see Loran charting unmapped areas of the world or plotting ocean currents by means of automatically released signals from drifting buoys. One scientist forecast the development of a Loran system for planes that will function as an automatic pilot. Once Loran is set in charge of a plane or surface vessel, it will "deliver" it to a pre-determined destination and simultaneously plot the ship's progress on a chart, so that the navigator will at all times be informed of the exact position of the vessel.



LORAN IN OPERATION

## Letters from Our Readers

### Only Socialism Can Solve People's Problems

Minot, N. D.

Editor, Daily Worker:

There are enough riches in our good, old USA so that every person can make a good living. In this great nation, where there are such valuable natural resources, such a marvelous science, such superb technique, and inhabited by such an industrious people, surely none should have to worry about how to get food and clothing and how to find a modern house or apartment. The problem of making a decent living should not be a major problem at all in America; it ought to be gladly granted to every man or woman willing to work, as a matter of course, a fundamental right.

This is a good time to get acquainted with socialist science.

The world is rapidly changing. In Europe and Asia people are demanding democracy and begin to look in the direction of the socialist goal. In our country, the veterans demand their rights and the workers rightly demand a living wage. The farmers must continue to have good prices for their products. We must maintain purchasing power and eliminate unemployment. Capitalism cannot solve these problems satisfactorily. That is clear. Whatever adjustments are made regarding wages and farm prices will not affect the income of the people greatly. The only final and lasting solution is socialism. Socialism becomes more and more a must study for anyone who wants to go forward and not backward.

A. KNUTSON.

The Editors welcome your opinions and contributions to this page. Due to lack of space letters should be limited to 150 words so as to permit the printing of as many as possible. Please include full name and address with your letters. We will withhold names upon request.

### Canadian Lauds Gordon Articles

Toronto, Ont.

Editor, Daily Worker:

My enthusiasm for Max Gordon's series entitled "Marxism and the Wage Struggle" is unbounded.

This series should be made available in handy booklet form. The great strike waves throughout your country and the growing determination of Canadian workers to give battle to monopoly capital is evidenced of the highly receptive mood of the working class for theoretical-practical education of this type.

A. D.

### Capitalism Stifles Scientific Progress

Manhattan, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Today, modern scientific agriculture, agronomy, etc., have developed to such an extent that scientists predict the earth's population could double in size and we could still produce more than enough for all. Capitalism has produced this science. It cannot utilize it. Because it cannot utilize it, it slows its progress. Today millions face another year of starvation in Europe; millions more in Africa face it also, and in Asia even more millions yet look forward to death by starvation. Even in America people are undernourished.

In the face of this, what do we hear? Crops fail, food supplies are short, wheat supplies are non-

existent, UNRRA cuts food program 50 percent. To what avail is our science, our discoveries, if we cannot utilize them under the capitalist system?

HAL O.

### Socialism Is Hope of World

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Reaction, the world-wide fraternity of landowners, capitalists, commercial profiteers and financiers, militantly pushes its interests everywhere at the expense of those of humanity in general. If the reactionists have their way, peace will be precarious and the aspirations of the humble working people to a more abundant life will have been frustrated.

The world of the future must belong to the people who do the work of the world. Anything less would be a betrayal of humanity. Socialism is the hope of the world.

A. G. DIAZ.

## 'Forward' Defends Killer Denikin

By WILLIAM WEINSTONE

It is difficult to sum up in phrase or even in a sentence the nature of the crime committed by the Jewish Daily Forward in its issues of Jan. 18 and Feb. 3. Here are the facts:

The infamous General Denikin is now in the United States. This is the same Denikin, Czarist general and pogrom maker, who led the counter-revolutionary war against the newly established Russian Socialist Republic in 1918-20.

This is the same Denikin, the original Hitlerite whose armies staffed by Black Hundred landlord officers, carried out 192 pogroms and slaughtered tens of thousands of Jews in South Russia. Denikin was defeated, routed and driven from the country by the young Red Army. He made his headquarters in France where for 20 years he intrigued for war against the Soviet Union. Now, feeling that country too hot for him, he has moved his base of operations to our "hospitable" shores.

Soon after his arrival, the audacious general held a mass meeting on Feb. 5 at Manhattan Center and also wrote a letter to the press trying to wipe out the memory of his bloody past by masking himself out as a friend of the Jews, and even as an anti-Nazi.

### PUBLISHED DENIKIN LETTER

The Jewish Daily Forward of New York not only published this letter on Feb. 3, strangely enough in the name of freedom of the press, in its column, "From People to People," but

worse than that—it left the letter unanswered! However, this is the least part of the matter. An editorial note stated the paper did not wish to discuss again the question raised by Denikin. The editors thereby left unchanged the position which they took in an article published on Jan. 18 of this year, and this is the heart of their crime.

In this article, the Jewish Daily Forward cleared this Czarist butcher of the responsibility of organizing the pogroms. The article asks "Did Denikin organize these pogroms?" The writer, of course, is lying because he knows that the Forward itself in 1919-20 carried headlines against Denikin as the leader of the pogroms. But that was 26 years ago. It would be too crude, however, to exonerate him entirely. The article finds him guilty merely of failing to act against the pogroms "even though implored to do so." But the writer will not allow even this lesser crime to stand against him. He rushes forward with this outrageous apology for the Czarist killer. Note it well.

"Those who lived in the Ukraine at the time," he writes, "can easily understand it." (i.e. the failure of Denikin to take action.) "Denikin had to allow his soldiers to pillage and steal (why not mention the murders, Mr. Apologist?) since had no money with which to pay them. He could not make requisitions from the peasants for fear of uprisings. The only alternative was to allow the army to take where it was easiest. And whose property is less sacred than the Jews?"

### Incredible, but there it is! A WAR CRIMINAL'S BRIEF

Now another general can make his defense. Herman Goering, the swollen modern edition of the despicable Denikin, can now address the Court at Nuernberg and say, "It is true, gentlemen of the court, that Jews were robbed and murdered in Germany. I did not however organize the butchery. That was just incidental to the unhappy times in which we lived. After all we had to get money, shoes, clothes and soap for our army. We could not rob our own people—they would revolt. We took what we could, where we could."

"And if the Jews had to be killed, you will understand that the boys had to be paid. Gentlemen, here's a big newspaper in New York, and a Jewish one at that, that understood such matters quite well with regard to my historical predecessor, the Czar's general, Denikin. I offer as evidence the Jewish Daily Forward of Jan. 18, 1946."

Such is the crime of the Forward.

Of course, the Forward's explanation of the origin of the pogrom is not true. Innumerable reports which appeared at the time can be cited about the deliberate murder by this fascist.

The 400 page book "Slaughter of the Jews in the Ukraine in 1919" by Elias Hefetz, published in 1920, devoted at least 30 pages to the depravation of Denikin. This book was based on the investigations of delegates of the "All Ukrainian Relief Committee for the

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### Oklahoma Vet Fight for OPA

Oklahoma City, Okla.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Here are some items that may be of interest to Daily Worker readers:

At Oklahoma City union, at the initiative of a disabled ex-paratrooper, Frank Armstrong, almost 1,000 signatures were collected for the retention of OPA beyond June 15th. Said Armstrong, "I get \$115 a month pension. I got to thinking what would happen to me and thousands like me if the OPA were killed." Leaders of the "keep the OPA" movement plan to mail blank petitions to universities all over the United States.

Oklahoma veterans seeking unemployment benefits have more than tripled since November 1945. 13,760 made claims for the first time in January as compared to 4,377 in November. Although there are jobs available, to quote the Daily Oklahoman, "they pay too little to attract the average worker."

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## The Logic of Blood

TWO weeks ago, the fascist Franco cynically told American newspapermen how glad he was that Secretary Byrnes is not going to reveal the secret documents that prove his link with Germany during the war.

Two days ago, this same cynical Franco murdered 10 patriotic anti-fascist Spaniards in cold blood.

He lined up 10 fascist-hating Spaniards, among them the dauntless Communist hero, Cristino Garcia. Garcia had led the French FFI underground against the Germans while Franco was helping the Germans.

Garcia was an ally of the American troops. Franco was an ally of the Germans.

But today, Franco is encouraged by American official friendship to murder men like Garcia whose crime is to love freedom and democracy.

Thus murder follows imperialist policy.

Similarly, with the wanton shootings of Indian civilians in Bombay, or the latest brutal raids on Indonesia villages.

American foreign policy, backing up the British imperialists at the UNO in spurning national and colonial freedom, is an accomplice in these crimes.

We welch on our agreements to break with Franco, and anti-fascists die.

We line up with imperialist tyranny, and freedom-hungry people crumple up in the streets of India and in colonial villages as machine guns spit death.

In London, the social-democrat Mr. Attlee who appeared before American Congressmen as a "Mr. Milquetoast" now talks out of the side of his mouth like a gangster. "We have enough forces to crush the rebellion," he assures his imperialist masters.

And Mr. Bevin who tried to act the big tough guy when the Soviet Union suggested that imperialism get out of Greece and Indonesia now finds diplomatic excuses for supporting Franco.

So it goes down the line. Blood for the people who dream of democracy and independence. Kindness for the sneaky fascist who tried to cut our throats as an ally of Germany.

It is a grisly picture. It is enough to arouse the anger of any decent person.

But the guilty ones fear the organized anger and hatred of the people.

Let decent mankind make itself heard at this hour.

Let the murders committed by Franco be followed by an immediate breaking off of all relations with the cruel traitor, Franco.

Let the Truman government cease its coddling of this evil enemy of democracy.

How long will the shame of our appeasement of Franco continue?

Let America speak today in letters and wires to President Truman urging the denunciation of the 10 murders and the breaking-off of relations.

## An Unwitting Compliment

TWO items on the plight of the Jews in Europe:

Dr. S. Margoshes of the World Jewish Congress, says the Polish government is trying to fight anti-Semitism, and that the organizers of anti-Jewish crimes in Poland are the ("anti-Russian") London Polish fascists now being supported by the British government.

A certain Mr. Ernest Marton of the Romanian Red Cross "charges" that the Soviet influence in the Balkans is rousing anti-Semitism. How? "The fact that under Communist rule Jews are not discriminated against and that a few had been placed in high office was breeding anti-Semitism." (N. Y. Times, Feb. 23.)

In short, the way to fight anti-Semitism is to cringe before it, accept a slave-like ostracism in the ghettos, and "keep quiet" in the corner.

Thus do Soviet-haters operate. In London, they organize murders as Dr. Margoshes reaffirms. In Romania, they fight against the liberation of the Jewish people.

In both cases, their anti-Soviet manias show where anti-Semitism is really fought. They pay the Soviet Union an unwitting compliment.

## BOILING OVER



## Some Queries to FEPC 'Leaders'

By CLAUDIA JONES

(Last of a series.)

SOME questions remain to be answered as to the leaders of the "National Council for a permanent FEPC."

The record shows that they do not practice what they preach. A leaflet distributed in Brooklyn, stated: "Preach about the FEPC to everybody you meet, wherever you are, morning, noon and night."

It is evident that Mr. Randolph and Mrs. Hedgeman are occupied with preaching something other than FEPC, although it is quite true that the FEPC issue is the cloak behind which their preachment is hidden.

A deeper look at the "National Council" reveals that:

● Mr. Randolph and Mrs. Hedgeman have made this center a catspaw of political self-seekers who seek to make partisan capital out of the FEPC issue.

### Disruptive Cliques

● The "National Council" is today a pot-pourri assortment of red-baiting Dubinsky, Social-Democrats, disruptive Trotskyites and Norman Thomas socialists—all of whom are willingly permitted by Randolph to infest the "National Council" for unsavory political aims. For example:

On Feb. 4, the N. Y. Socialist Workers Party executive endorsed the rally backed by the "National Council," according to the front page story of the Socialist Call. Randolph's closest lieutenant, Milton P. Webster, one of the scheduled speakers at the forthcoming rally, is reputedly the anonymous author of a recent red-baiting article in the Chicago World, entitled: "Communism—Menace to Black America." It was effectively answered in a signed article by William F. Patterson, legislative director of the Illinois Communist Party.

● The National Council is heavily underwritten financially by Dubinsky's red-baiting outfit. Both Hedgeman and Randolph are associated with nebulous political forces such as the Liberal Party.

● It is authoritatively revealed that a recent West Park Avenue meeting, Randolph raised \$10,000 and set the goal of another \$200,000 for the National Council. Randolph stated to that select crowd that he had no hope for enact-

ment of the FEPC bill in this session of Congress.

It is not only the Truman Administration with which Randolph seeks to curry favor, but also the Stassen Republicans. A recent Washington banquet featured Stassen as the chief speaker.

Apparently, Randolph seeks to be "all things to all men."

But the Negro people and labor will question and reject anyone who seeks to be the bridge between scurrilous red-baiting forces on the two major parties. Out of their anti-fascist consciousness and inherent recognition of the imperialist policies that guide the two major parties, they are moving towards independent political action with labor around the issue of jobs, peace, security and a permanent FEPC.

### Speakers List

The list of speakers at the rally backed by Randolph and his friends confirms this analysis. Heading the list is Sen. Wayne Morse (R). After cloture was lost, Morse made a flowery speech, but in the course of the arrogant ruling by McKellar, he associated himself with Chavens who led the parade of 71 Senators to remove FEPC from immediate consideration.

Not a single one of the 12 Senators who voted against displacement of the FEPC bill from the Senate floor are among the listed speakers.

Not a single outstanding progressive people's fighter or elected representative, around whom the Negro people and labor expressed their complete confidence in the recent municipal and congressional elections are invited. Why? It is obvious they are omitted because A. Phillip Randolph and

Anna Hedgeman's red-baiting and other partisan motives wouldn't allow it. On the other hand, among those listed are William Gren, James B. Carey and Lewis Schwellenbach.

This situation as stated by Councilman Benjamin J. Davis in the recent Sunday Worker "renders the Randolph group wholly unreliable as a nationally exclusive center of leadership in the fight for FEPC."

Davis' call for a "broad and unified national center of strategy and mass action wholly dedicated to the passage of FEPC" should be taken up and established among the Negro people and their allies in the labor, veteran and progressive movement, including Jewish, Catholic and other groups. Progressive forces in the National Council can likewise contribute to this fight by letting their opinions be known that the FEPC is by no means anyone's private issue.

### FEPC DAY

Feb. 28

New Yorkers, the Negro people, the minorities, especially labor and its Communist vanguard—will have an opportunity to rededicate their fighting vigor behind the House FEPC measure—which remains the center of the fight to secure the 52 signatures needed from Congressmen to ensure speedy enactment of the FEPC bill.

Mayor O'Dwyer's proclamation of Feb. 28 as FEPC Day should mark the heightened unity of all those forces who recognize that the FEPC issue can be won in this session of Congress, 1946! It should likewise signalize the occasion for exposing all those who seek to make partisan capital out of the FEPC issue.

## Worth Repeating

Frederic Joliot-Curie, French Communist, Nobel Prize scientist, and member of the UNO Atomic Energy Commission told the French Information Service: "Atomic research will be directed towards the harnessing of this energy for industrial purposes. Now, even though France has at her disposal vast quantities of uranium from her colonies, she has no intention of producing vast numbers of bombs." From the French Information Service Bulletin of Feb. 3, 1946.



# Anders' Polish Fascist Army Acting Like Hitler S. S. Men in Italy

By DEREK KARTUN  
Wireless to the Daily Worker

ROME, Feb. 24.—News just given UNO that General Wladislaw Anders Second Polish Corps has been moving north towards the Yugoslav frontier means that fresh Italian communities will have to suffer their unwelcome presence.

Local populations further south, where the majority of this fascist-led army has so far been stationed, will be glad to see them leave.

Although they have never had the slightest authority to do so, these Poles have constantly taken it upon themselves to interfere in the political life of the localities where they have been stationed.

Hardly a day goes by without the Communist paper, L'Unita, or the Socialist paper, Avanti!, printing stories of attacks by Polish officers or non-commissioned men on party branches in towns and villages of the Adriatic coast.

Headquarters are smashed regularly, typewriters are stolen and meetings broken up.

In recent weeks there have been serious cases of beatings, and in many areas the Communist Party has had to resort to underground

methods of work in the face of armed attacks by the Poles.

When there have been no Italians to be beaten up, these lusty warriors turn elsewhere.

## ASSAULT JEWISH REFUGEES

Five months ago, a train carrying Jewish refugees to southern Italy was stopped by Polish troops. The Jews were thrown bodily off the train and their bags were thrown after them. The driver was forced to proceed, leaving them to wait for help.

Last week, T. Martynowicz, of the

Polish Embassy here, paid his first official visit to the Polish displaced persons camp at Berletta.

This camp is right in the center of the concentration of troops of the Second Corps. Although in the company of a British colonel who did what he could to protect him, Mr. Martynowicz was severely beaten up by a gang of inmates, who were, in his estimation, members of the Second Corps dressed as civilians.

When he got back to his hotel, he found his suitcase had been ripped open and ransacked.

## 'RELIEF' RACKET

Anders' agents are paying special attention to displaced persons. Under the official protection of the British. They have set up the Polish Welfare Society, part of whose work consists in providing displaced Poles with identification papers.

It would appear that many people whom UNRRA would not be prepared to accept as eligible for relief because of their shady background can be certified as good Poles by this society.

The Milan branch of the society was recently run by a Polish major who, after plastering the Milan station with posters calling on civilians to come to his office for identification, told them when they arrived not to allow themselves to be repatriated by UNRRA because the trains would take them straight to the gas chamber.

## PROTECT NAZIS

All the activities of this society are dangerous when account is taken of the large number of German Nazis and Polish and Yugoslav war criminals who have found their way to Italy since the end of the war and are trying to camouflage their real identity.

There are already a good number of Germanized Poles from Silesia and others who fought with the Germans, installed in the Second Corps.

## DAMAGE CROPS

This army whose leaders refuse to recognize the government of their country and three-quarters of whose men want to return home, is kept on a constant war footing.

Armored maneuvers are going on most of the time, and the countryside is kept in constant uproar, with vehicles of every kind racing up and down the country roads, eating up gasoline and tires with magnificent abandon.

In some areas, agricultural recovery is severely interfered with by

Polish tanks which charge across the countryside on their interminable exercises.

While these dangerous military games proceed, an organization calling itself "Bureau of Culture and Press of the Second Corps" pours out a steady stream of pamphlets inciting the Poles to violence against their legal government and against the Soviet Union. With these publications, of course, goes

the familiar flood of fascist minded newspapers.

Mr. Bevin has said that the position of Anders' army is under active consideration and that a decision may be expected shortly.

While that decision is in the making this dangerous and arrogant group of reactionaries is interfering with the Italian people and spreading warlike propaganda under the official protection of Britain.

## State GOP Guns for Bill On Strikers' Jobless Pay

By MAX GORDON

Republican legislators have decided to kill the Isacson-Fino bill for jobless pay for strikers this week. The bill would deprive employers of an important weapon by removing the seven-weeks waiting period penalty for unemployment insurance for strikers.

The hatchet job is scheduled tomorrow in the Assembly and Senate Labor Committees, headed by Assemblyman Fred A. Washburn (R-Columbia) and Sen. William F. Condon (R-West) respectively.

It can still be stopped if labor floods the committee leaders and other leaders of the Legislature with wires today.

An attempt was made to kill it in the Assembly Labor Committee last week, but Assemblyman Leo Isacson, Bronx laborite sponsor, managed to postpone action for a week.

Labor has failed to rally its full strength behind the measure though some unions have acted. Yet the position of the trade unions in wage negotiations would be greatly strengthened if the bill should become law, or even if a drive for it should result in a compromise.

Effort to win such a compromise last week were unavailing. Sen. Paul F. Felt, Bronx Republican tried to get GOP leaders to agree to cut the waiting period to three or four weeks. But they would not budge.

Sen. Felt is fighting in the hope of gaining labor support for reelection. He needs that support and has been anxious to get the GOP leaders to grant some concession.

The bill has placed the Dewey Administration in direct opposition to labor and the struggle for wage demands. The GOP has tried to avoid this position. Labor's failure to develop a wide campaign, however, may allow Dewey to slip out from under.

Democratic leaders have maintained discreet silence on the measure. They have not given it any support and have evaded attempts to pin them down.

A strong campaign by labor would bring them into line.

The ALP alone has gone to bat for the bill. If wide popular backing should arise for it, the prestige of the ALP may rise considerably.

## Women Leaders Face Death in Franco Prison

Special to the Daily Worker

PARIS, Feb. 24.—Three outstanding Spanish women are in danger of being executed by Francisco Franco, dictator of Spain, it was reported here today, as the International Federation of Democratic Women issued a world appeal for help.

Two of the women are working-class leaders — Mercedes Gomes Otero and Isabel Sanz Toledano. The third was connected with the Rockefeller Research Institute in Madrid. Her name is Maria Teresa Toral.

All three are held by Franco's police and may be killed at any time.

The International Federation of Democratic Women, recently founded in Paris, urged world-wide support for the three anti-fascist Spanish heroines, and asked that telegrams be directed to all Franco embassies.

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## Deaths

RASKING—We mourn the loss of our Comrade, charter member of the C.P., and extend our deepest sympathy to his family. Davis McKelvey White, Communist Club, Detroit, Michigan.

**VETS' VOICE**



An Army Is as Democratic as the Government That Runs It

It's easy to start an argument about Army brass. So here goes. I'm not down on every man who wore a bar, railroad tracks, a leaf, a chicken or even a star on his shoulders.

I'd back the CO of Love company (Love for "L") any day of the year. He was a hard man McGee, but he was all soldier. The risks his men took were his risks. No one hated the Nazis more than he did.

And that's one reason I think some of the critics of brass are all wet. Take a platoon leader in Love company who wouldn't ask his men to do anything he wouldn't do. He took the dirtiest assignments in routing the Jerries from the Maginot forts on Purple Heart hill 419 and he collected two Purple Hearts himself.

So what's wrong with the brass? Plenty! No one who has trained under business men who thought they were God Almighty because of their rank will remember the chicken and dog robbing (for our non-vet readers: unnecessary duties and using GIs as officers' servants) and special privileges and the whole damned caste system with anything but disgust. As soon as the shooting ceased, the chicken started to fly like never before.

So when I defend certain officers I'm not defending the unfair privileges, the liquor rations for rear echelon officers while a doughboy had to scrounge jungle juice and schnapps on the line. I'm not defending the petty tyranny and the failure to go to bat for the men in their command.

## THE MAIN POINT

What I'm trying to get at is the reason for the undemocratic practices in the Army. What is important is the character of the Army and the use to which it is put.

During the war, the Army made certain democratic advances. Officers Candidate schools did include some men from the ranks. Battlefield commission brought many enlisted men to command jobs.

These things were a result of the war we were fighting against fascism. Right now, all this is doomed and the caste system is growing worse than ever. This is the result of the whole reactionary drive of American imperialism. You can't discuss the Army separate and apart from the uses to which the

Army is put. There were democratic advances (not enough) when the Army was fighting an anti-fascist war. There's a concerted drive against democracy in the Army

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when its being used to suppress the people of China, the Philippines and freedom-loving people all over the world.

The fight for greater democracy in the Army is a fight against a reactionary foreign policy. The people of America must be put wise to what's happening in the services today. Discrimination against Negroes is being intensified, as seen in the Seventh Service command orders to recruit only white soldiers for overseas duty. Anti-Semitism is also on the increase.

Progressive Orientation is being chucked overboard. Officer privileges are growing and there are no opportunities for the enlisted men advancing through merit. Brass is becoming crass. And that results from the nature of the Army and the policy of the government.

My brief is not against officers as such. It's against reactionary policy and the suppression of the rights of soldiers as citizens in a democracy.

## 'Forward' Champions a Killer

(Continued from Page 6)

Victims of Pogroms" carried out under the auspices of the Red Cross of which committee the author was chairman.

## AN ANTI-SEMITIC ARMY

Mr. Helfetz writes: "Anti-Semitism was one of the fundamental elements of the Restoration Rule exactly as under the Czar, and the rule of Denikin approached this ideal with gigantic steps" (Page 104). "The responsible positions in the volunteer army were held by members of the Black Hundred and anti-Semites" (page 105). "The official Information Bureau of the

Chief Commander of the volunteer army developed an enormous anti-Semitic agitation." (Page 106).

The book describes the terrible pogroms in which "even children of six weeks were slaughtered..." and "all imaginable kinds of tortures and cruelties were perpetrated on the Jews" (Page 111), and makes the sweeping summary that "the pogroms instituted by the volunteer army of Denikin took people's breath away by their inevitable necessity, the exactness with which they were carried out... and their systematic execution." (Page 120).

How can this shameful conduct of the Forward be explained? This

Social-Democratic sheet, in its boundless hatred of the Soviet Union, is working with the most reactionary elements in America and with the medieval filth of Europe to organize a war against the Soviet Union. America is becoming the concentration point for such a war of which the Social Democrats are among the chief organizers.

The Jewish people, especially the needle trades workers of New York City, cannot allow this crime of the Forward to go by without the most vigorous protest. Together with the Jews, all people should demand that the murderer Denikin be ousted from the United States.



# 63 Organizations Ask Freeport D. A. Ouster

Representatives of 63 organizations announced yesterday support of the New York Committee for Justice in Freeport's demand that Gov. Dewey remove Nassau County District Attorney James N. Gehrig and institute a special grand jury investigation of the Freeport police slaying of a Negro GI and his brother.

The organizations are:  
National Citizens P.A.C.; Veterans and Wives; National Conference of United Labor Union Legionnaires; International Labor Defense; New Tools for Learning; American Com-

mittee for Protection of Foreign Born; American Labor Party, N. Y. County; Japanese-American Committee for Democracy; National CIO, Community Service Committee; Artists League of America.

Also Communist Party—Queens

County; N. Y. State American Youth for Democracy; Metropolitan Interfaith and Inter-racial Coordinating Council; National Negro Congress; International Workers Order; Veterans Against Discrimination; N. J. State CIO Veterans Commission.

Also Utility Workers Union of America, Local 196; United Wholesale and Warehouse Workers, Local 65, CIO; Central Harlem Civic Council; State, County and Municipal Workers of America, Local 28, Veterans Commission; Joe York Club; Consolidated Tenants League; American Communications Association, CIO; Communist Party—Section 2; United Electrical Work-

ers, Local 475, CIO; Queens Legislative Council; Communist Party, Hempstead, L. I.; State, County and Municipal Workers, Local 85, CIO; Austrian American Council, Veterans Committee; World War II Veterans; Brighton Beach ALP.

Also Hotel and Club Employees Union, Local 6; Parent-Teachers Association, P.S. 184, 188; Crown Heights Interfaith and Inter-racial Committee; Workers Fellowship, Ethical Culture School; Chelsea Communist Club; Brooklyn United Veterans for Equality; Queensbridge Houses Coordinating Committee; I.W.O. Solidarity Lodge 69; Allerton Veterans Committee; American Jewish Youth Service; Painters Union, Local 905; Theatre Unity Committee; Fifth, Ninth, 10th A.D., Great Neck, ALP; Flatbush Chapter, AVC; Citizens Committee of Upper

West Side; United Office and Professional Workers of America; Fur Operators Union, Local 105; Brownsville Neighborhood Council; National Maritime Union; Bronx Council Against Discrimination; Furriers Joint Council; Transport Workers Union.

Joining the rising tide of indignation against the attempted whitewash, the CIO Veterans Committee yesterday passed a resolution calling on Governor Dewey to launch a full investigation of the case.

"The veterans of this city are shocked and angered by the crime that took place in Freeport, L. I., and was committed in the spirit of Buchenwald and Belsen. They demand a full investigation. They demand retribution," the resolution said.

## GERMAN-AMERICANS HERE URGE UNITED REICH LABOR

Immediate publication of the list found in Germany of Americans connected with the Nazis was demanded yesterday by 250 trade unionists at a Conference to Stop Bundist Activities.

The conference, called by the Victory Committee of German-American Trade Unionists at AFL Hotel and Club Employees headquarters here also urged:

1. Organization in Germany of a unified trade union movement and single workers' party. The Socialist-Communist split made Hitler's rise possible a resolution said, and an "independent, democratic Germany can only be built through the unity

of the German working class."

2. Execution of the Potsdam agreement for the total destruction of Nazism and encouragement of democratic forces in Germany. The conference suggested sending a representative delegation to Germany to see how this is being fulfilled.

3. Formation of a representative new committee "to inform the American public of developments in Germany and unite all those who believe that the complete annihilation of German imperialism and the building of real democratic Germany is one of the foremost guarantees for the preservation of world peace."

## ALP Scored 2,000 Gain in 19

Detailed analysis of the results of the 19th congressional district by-election Tuesday shows that the American Labor Party increased its total vote over 1945 by nearly 2,000 even though the total vote fell by over 50 percent.

The figures were filed yesterday with the Board of Elections.

The Democratic vote fell 50 percent while the Republicans polled

only little more than 25 percent of their 1945 vote in the district.

Following are the comparative totals (approx. figures):

	1946	1945
ALP .....	13,400	11,600
Dem. ....	17,400	34,700
Rep. ....	4,300	16,800

The total 1945 count included votes for Newbold Morris and various minor parties.

## Agreement Ends Charge 'Sitter' Walkout at Caterpillar Co.

PEORIA, Feb. 24 (UP).—The CIO Farm Equipment Workers ratified an agreement reached yesterday with the Caterpillar Tractor Co., Peoria, Ill. The agreement ended a strike of 17,500 workers.

Officials of union Local 105 said that resumption of work would depend on ratification of the agreement at a meeting of union members.

Approximately 17,000 persons, including 8,000 strikers, were made idle by the strike which began Jan. 20. The union had asked a flat \$50 per month increase for production workers.

The agreement calls for a 15 cent hourly wage increase for workers making \$1 or less per hour and a 15 percent increase for those making more than \$1 per hour.

The company said the increase would be placed in effect the Monday after its approval by the Wage Stabilization Board and that it would be retroactive to today.

## AYD Pilgrimage To Albany

Young pilgrims who haven't had much cause for thanksgiving will board buses for Albany at 9:30 a.m. today (Monday) on 31 St. between Seventh and Eighth Aves.

The American Youth for Democracy is sponsoring the pilgrimage for a vet bonus, jobs, housing and expanded educational facilities. AYD spokesmen report that Republican legislators are holding up action on a cash bonus equivalent to mustering-out pay.

## Charge 'Sitter' Killed Tot

By United Press

A 14-year-old high school boy was charged today with the slaying of three-year-old Sybil Gurfein whose partially clothed body was found submerged in a bath-tub when her parents returned home after leaving her in his care.

The boy, Jack Turk, was missing when the parents returned home, but later arrested in New Jersey.

He denied raping the child but police said he admitted stuffing gauze into her mouth. Later, he said, he taped her mouth with adhesive tape and then tied cord around her neck and placed her in the bathtub before fleeing.

## Pepper Asks Pauley To Withdraw

CHICAGO, Feb. 24 (UP).—Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.), said today that old man Edwin W. Pauley, with the "bigness and patriotism he has demonstrated in the past," should ask President Truman to withdraw his name for the nomination of Undersecretary of the Navy.

"If Mr. Pauley does not withdraw or the President does not recall his name," Pepper said, "then, in my opinion, it will be the painful duty of the Senate to reject the nomination."

## Dinner Tonight Hails 'Great Conspiracy'

A dinner greeting the publication of The Great Conspiracy is being tendered co-author Albert E. Kahn by the American Committee of Jewish Writers, Artists and Scientists at the Commodore Hotel here tonight. Speakers will include Arthur Upham Pope, Stephen Fritchman, Ella Winter, Paul Novick and William Edlin.

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# In this corner

How About Garden Bouts for Fox and Burley?

Bill Mardo

There's a regular visitor to the weekly Garden bouts whom I usually spot sitting about 20-rows or so away from the ring. He's a husky, copper-skinned Negro kid rarely introduced during the pre-main event festivities.

Rarely introduced, and never signed for any Garden matches either. His name is Billy Fox and most of the topnotch light-heavyweights shy away from and let their manager quickly change the subject whenever his name comes up for mention as a possible foe.

Billy is the Philadelphia youngster. I wrote about several months ago—a thunderous hitting ringman who's racked up 37 straight kayoes. And against formidable opposition, too. His next to last bout was against capable George Kochan, and when Fox starched him in the fourth there were many writers present who claimed Bill now shows the same sensational promise that Joe Louis did at a comparable age.

Now it seems there's another Negro kid who can't get a break in New York for similar reasons. I heard about him just the other day—and I'll pass the facts along to you. This fellow's name is Charley Burley, and he's been compelled to do most of his fighting in Cleveland. He's never been seen here at all—not even in a pre-fight at St. Nick's. Though a middleweight, Burley is considered somewhat of a giant-killer in the profession, and many people I've spoken to insist he's capable of licking anyone active in either his division or among the light-heavyweights. That they've got an arguing point is obvious when one considers that Burley soundly thrashed Archie Moore two years ago. Archie Moore, you'll remember, is considered the foremost light-heavyweight contender in the land, and Burley not only beat him but had him on the floor five times.

Burley is also the only scrapper in the country to ever kayo Holman Williams, the high-ranking veteran middleweight who is Joe Louis' favorite sparring partner. And who Louis once called the smartest fighter he ever saw.

Well, all this by way of saying to Mike Jacobs: C'mon Mike, make some of the matches we all want to see. The fight game is over-ripe today for a dash of new and talented scrappers, and messrs. Milly Fox and Charley Burley sound like what the doctor ordered.

A reader who signed his letter "GI Phil," wrote in to tell us: "Dear Bill:

"As before the war I find myself wanting to learn the more truthful side of things, and so am reading the Daily Worker again. But my enjoyment of your fine Friday write-up on the NYU victory over St. John's was marred by your inaccuracy in details. The final score was NOT 58-50, as you wrote. It was 58-34."

Phil, in the newspaper business there are some things which aren't controllable by the writer. Namely typographical errors. Nonetheless I agree with you—the bookies would have been a whole lot happier had the score been 58-50 in fact rather than in typo.

It's thought that Frank Dixon may make his first track appearance in three years at the ICA games Saturday night at the Garden. If he does submit an entry for the meet, the great Negro miller probably won't specify until the last minute whether or not he'll run in the one-mile or double that distance. It all depends on what condition Frank's in.

But won't it be grand to see the kid in action again? Certainly there's no one else around capable of giving Leshe MacMitchell a real tussle over that mile route. Marcel Hansenne has been totally unable to accustom himself to the boards, and Tommy Quinn, though he gave Les a surprisingly stiff challenge in the AAU mile just doesn't measure up as any real danger.

So it's up to Dixon to provide the competition that will once again produce some decent mile clockings. And if Frank fares as well as MacMitchell has in the business of getting back into shape—then we'll all see some mile duels to remember.

## TINTYPE OF BOUCHER

Frank Boucher, for the past seven years coach of the New York Rangers and newly appointed manager and coach of the Blue Shirts, is one of four brothers who played major league hockey. He was born in Ottawa, Ontario, on Oct. 7, 1901, and signed his first professional hockey contract with the Ottawa Senators in the NHL in the fall of '21.

In 1922 he was sold to the Vancouver Maroons, then managed by Frank Patrick, brother of Lester, and for the next five seasons he was the outstanding center in the Pacific Coast Hockey League.

When the Rangers were organized in 1926 Boucher was selected as the center to play between the famous Cook brothers, Bill and Bun. For the next ten seasons this trio was the outstanding forward line in hockey.

Boucher was named coach of the N. Y. Rovers in the fall of '33 and led that club to the Eastern League championship in the spring of '39. The next season he came up as coach of the N. Y.

Rangers, a position he has held up to the present time.

In his first season as coach of the Rangers, Boucher led them to the Stanley Cup. In 1941-42 the Rangers won the National Hockey League pennant only to lose out in the finals for the Stanley Cup. Then came the war which completely wrecked the club with 95 percent of the regulars going into the service.

Tickets few as they are, go on sale this morning, at 10 o'clock, at the 50th Street box office of Madison Square Garden, for the first two nights of the Invitation Tournament, March 14 and 16, for the first two evenings of the NCCA Eastern Regionals, March 21 and 23.

Tickets for the semi-finals and finals of the Invitation, March 18 and 20, and the East-West NCCA championship game, March 26, will be placed on sale Monday, March 4, along with tickets for the Tribune Fresh Air Fund benefit, March 20, involving Eastern and Western college stars.

## Vet Group Asks Rankin Ouster

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(UP).—The Veterans' League of America demanded tonight that Rep. John E. Rankin, (D-Miss), resign his chairmanship of the House World War Veterans' Legislation Committee on the grounds he is to blame for its "inertia" and is personally anti-Negro and anti-Semitic.

The charges were made in a statement by the league's legislative committee whose chairman is Brig. Gen. H. C. Holdridge, retired. Holdridge charged last week while testifying before the house military affairs committee that totalitarian viewpoints "are prevalent in the Army."

The league said that Rankin, "by virtue of his lynch-law psychology, is unfitted to deal with the problems of 400,000 Negro war veterans." Likewise, it said, his remarks on the floor in regard to Jews "makes it apparent that he cannot legislate fairly with regard to the more than 200,000 veterans of the Jewish faith."

"Congressman Rankin has inserted the word 'Kike,' an insult to the members of the Jewish Race, into the record of Congress," the statement said.

### 11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF—Fred Waring Show  
WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman  
WOR—Prescott Robinson, News  
WABC—Amanda—Sketch  
WMCA—News; Music Box  
WQXR—Alma Dettinger, News  
11:15-WOR—Tello-Test—Quiz  
WABC—Second Husband—Sketch  
11:30-WEAF—Barry Cameron—Sketch  
WOR—Take It Easy Time  
WJZ—Home Edition  
WABC—A Woman's Life—Sketch  
WMCA—News; Reports  
WQXR—Concert Music  
11:45-WEAF—David Harum  
WOR—Talk—Victor Lindlahr  
WJZ—Ted Malone—Talk  
WABC—Aunt Jenny's Stories  
WMCA—This Woman's World—Susan B. Anthony

### NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:30-WEAF—Don Goddard, News  
WOR—News; Hymns You Love  
WJZ—Glamour Manor  
WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat  
WQXR—News; Luncheon Music  
12:45-WEAF—Maggi McNeill—Talk  
WABC—Big Sister  
12:50-WEAF—Art Van Damme Quartet  
WOR—News; Answer Man  
WJZ—News; Women's Exchange  
WABC—Helen Trent  
1:00-WEAF—Music of Manhattan  
WABC—Our Gal Sunday  
1:05-WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride  
WOR—Mealtime Melodies  
WJZ—H. R. Baughman  
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful  
WJZ—Clifford Evans  
WQXR—News; Midday Symphony  
1:15-WJZ—Constance Bennett  
WABC—Ma Perkins—Sketch  
1:30-WOR—Lopes Orchestra  
WJZ—Galen Drake  
WABC—Young Dr. Malone—Sketch  
WMCA—The Captain Tim Healy  
1:45-WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News  
WOR—John J. Anthony  
WABC—Road of Life—Sketch  
WMCA—Studio Orchestra

### 2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF—The Guiding Light  
WOR—Easy Aces—Sketch  
WJZ—John B. Kennedy  
WABC—Second Mrs. Burton  
WQXR—News; Music  
2:15-WEAF—Today's Children  
WOR—Monaghan, Record Man  
WJZ—Ethel and Albert  
WABC—Perry Mason—Sketch  
2:30-WEAF—Woman in White  
WOR—Queen for a Day  
WJZ—Bride and Groom  
WABC—Rosemary—Sketch  
WQXR—Request Music  
2:45-WEAF—Masquerade—Sketch  
WABC—Tena and Tim  
3:00-WEAF—A Woman of America  
WOR—Martha Deane Program  
WJZ—Al Pearce Show  
WABC—Time to Remember  
WQXR—News; Recorded Music  
3:15-WEAF—Ma Perkins  
WABC—This Is New York  
3:30-WEAF—Pepper Young  
WOR—John Gambling, News  
WJZ—Ladies, Be Seated  
3:45-WEAF—Right to Happiness  
WABC—Landt Trio, Songs  
4:00-WEAF—Backstage Wife  
WOR—Better Half—Matinee  
WJZ—Jack Berch Show  
WABC—House Party  
WMCA—News; Ray Smith, Songs  
WQXR—News; Symphonic Matinee  
4:15-WEAF—Stella Dallas—Sketch  
WJZ—The Fitzgeralds  
4:30-WABC—News Reports  
4:35-WEAF—Lorenzo Jones  
WOR—Ask Dr. Eddy  
WJZ—Shelley Mydans  
WABC—Gordon MacRae, Songs  
WMCA—News; Music  
4:45-WEAF—Young Widder Brown  
WJZ—Hop Harrigan  
WABC—Feature Story  
5:00-WEAF—When a Girl Marries  
WOR—Uncle Don  
WJZ—Terry and the Pirates  
WABC—School of the Air  
WQXR—News; Music  
5:15-WEAF—Pontia Powers, Life  
WOR—Superman  
WJZ—Dick Tracy

## Pop Shots and Dribbles Pick Redmen, Mules To Triumph Tonight

by Phil Gordon

Coming on the heels of its game but heartbreaking loss to NYU last week, St. John's has somewhat of a breather tonight when it meets a weak Manhattan squad in the opener to tonight's Garden hoop twinbill which pits the well-regarded Muhlenberg quintet against St. Francis. This is St. John's 100th game in the Garden over a period of years, and certainly figures to be one of the Redmen's easiest. Manhattan has a woefully weak crew which has dropped its last four games. Joe Lapchick will probably use his second team most of the way tonight as St. John's administer Honey Russell's team its fifth successive setback.

The Muhlenberg team which meets St. Francis in the feature contest tonight, has won 20 and lost two, and are being favorably considered by the Invitation Tourney selection committee. Temple and Lafayette were the only clubs to stop the Alentown Mules.

The Mules don't have much height, which led Clair Bee, LIU Coach, to remark after his team had lost to the Pennsylvanians: "If Muhlenberg had a really big man it would be one of the country's best

outfits." Still the swift moving Mules, who average about 6-1, topped the nation's tallest college five, Valparaiso.

The Mules' first six players are the Donovan brothers, Harry and Eddie, Jim Doran and Al Rubbert, Oscar "Red" Baldwin and Van Combs, a returned war hero.

The Donovans are freshmen. So are Rubbert and Van Combs. Baldwin, an ex-V-12 student originally from Kentucky's Union College, and Doran are playing their second season with the Mules. "Red" is one of the country's better basketball players. Against St. John's, in the 1945 Invitation, he was the game's leading pointmaker with 18, 10 more than the top Indian. Van Combs is the Mules' second best scorer, and Harry Donovan, who made 20 points in the 62-45 defeat of Navy, is Muhlenberg's top hand in basket making. He's scored 299, Baldwin 219, Doran 149 and Eddie Donovan 116.

We look for them to beat the just so-so St. Francis squad rather easily tonight.

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WMCA—Let's Listen to a Story  
WQXR—Today in Music  
5:30-WEAF—Just Plain Bill  
WOR—Captain Midnight  
WJZ—Jack Armstrong  
WABC—Cimarron Tavern—Sketch  
WMCA—News; Jerry Baker, Songs  
WQXR—On Wings of Song  
5:45-WEAF—Front-Page Farrell  
WOR—Adventures of Tom Mix  
WJZ—Tennessee Jed—Sketch  
WABC—Sparrow and the Hawk  
WQXR—Man About Town

### 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF—News Reports  
WOR—Paul Schubert  
WJZ—Kiernan's News Corner  
WABC—Quincy Howe, News  
WMCA—News; Talk; Music  
WQXR—News; Music  
6:15-WEAF—Serenade to America  
WOR—Bob Elson, Interviews  
WJZ—Here's Morgan  
WABC—James Carroll, Tenor  
6:25-WQXR—News; Dinner Concert  
6:30-WOR—Fred Vandeventer, News  
WJZ—News; Sports Talk  
WABC—Helen Farrell, Songs  
WMCA—Racing Results  
6:40-WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern  
6:45-WEAF—Lewell Thomas  
WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax  
WJZ—Cal Tinney  
WMCA—Recorded Music  
WABC—The World Today, News  
7:00-WEAF—Supper Club, Variety  
WOR—Fulton Lewis, Jr.  
WJZ—Headline Edition  
WABC—Jack Kirkwood Show  
WMCA—Jack Egan, News  
WQXR—Lisa Sergio, News  
7:15-WEAF—News of the World  
WOR—The Answer Man  
WJZ—Raymond Swing, News  
WABC—Jack Smith Show  
WMCA—Five-Star Final  
WQXR—Alfredo Saville, Baritone  
7:30-WOR—Red Barber Star Review  
WOR—Frank Singler, News  
WJZ—Lone Ranger  
WABC—Bob Hawk Show  
WMCA—J. Raymond Walsh  
WQXR—Treasure of Music  
7:45-WEAF—Richard Barkness, News  
WOR—Sports—Bill Brandt  
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WJZ—The Fat Man—Play, with Jack Smart  
WABC—Joan Davis Show  
8:55-WABC—Bill Henry, News

### 9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—Maggie Teyte, Soprano  
WOR—Gabriel Heatter  
WJZ—I Deal in Crime—Play, with William Gargan  
WABC—Radio Theater  
WMCA—News; Amateur Hour  
WQXR—Worldwide News Review  
9:15-WOR—Real Life Stories  
WQXR—Great Names  
9:30-WEAF—Information Please  
WOR—Spotlight Bands  
WJZ—Paul Whiteman Orchestra  
WQXR—Record Rarities  
9:55-WJZ—Chester Morrison—Stories  
10:00-WEAF—Tommy Dorsey, Trombone; Kay Lorraine, Songs; Others  
WOR—Henry J. Taylor  
WJZ—Jimmy Gleason's Dinner  
WABC—Screen Guild Play  
WQXR—News; Opera Favorites  
10:15-WOR—Boxing: Jimmy Bivins vs. Joe Wolcott  
10:30-WEAF—Doctor I. Q.—Quiz  
WJZ—String Ensemble  
WABC—Crime Photographer  
WQXR—String Music  
11:00-WEAF—WOR—News; Music  
WJZ, WABC—News; Music  
WMCA—News; Music  
WQXR—News; Symphony Music  
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Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee in "Jeb."

## DRAMA OF NEGRO VET POSES HOME FRONT FIGHT

By SAMUEL SILLIN

Jeb, the new play by Robert Ardrey, explores the vital problem of a Negro veteran who returns to an America in which the battle for democracy has still to be won. The human materials of this play have the raw, compelling quality of real life. The social clash here depicted has the vivid immediacy of Harry Raymond's stories of the Freeport murders.

It is good to welcome another Broadway production that registers this grimmest perversion of American life, this Nazi-like oppression that rots value, institutions, people. Ardrey has protested against anti-Negro discrimination with sincerity and conviction. He has not succeeded in knitting his materials and ideas into the powerful drama implicit in the issue.

Jeb Turner, the title character, was a Louisiana farm hand before the war. After four years in the Pacific he returns with a Silver Star and Purple Heart. One of his legs has been shattered. At 22, he returns filled with his dream of a new life. Having mastered the use of an adding machine in the army, he has a trade for the first time. He will get a job in the mill in his small Louisiana town; he will marry Libby, support his widowed mother.

### A DREAM EXPLODED

That simple dream, little enough reward for his service to the country, is exploded as the play progresses. The mill manager, a "liberal" Southerner, buckles under the pressure of the local banker and other "solid citizens" of the community. A Negro must not have a "white man's job." So Jeb is framed, accused of raping a white woman, his house burned down, his head bashed in. Driven up north, he will return again to the South, his homeland, retaining the hope that somehow, somewhere, there will be whites who are different.

With this valid theme, Ardrey has projected the terror of Jeb's sweetheart Libby, the destructive self-division of the liberal mill-manager, the hypocritical plety of the white minister and the fascist mentality of the banker. Jeb himself is treated with sympathy and dignity.

### LOOSE DRAMA

The playwright, however, has given us a loose, episodic drama which approaches climactic force at several points but recedes without leaving a full impact on the audience. His greatest problem is the failure to infuse Jeb with a sufficient degree of consciousness; he remains virtually unchanged by the end of the play; his decisions (entering the white man's church, for instance) have an unconvincing quality.

The play gets off to a false start in the first scene, where Jeb is drugged and robbed by Negroes in a bar up North. This scene, which does not register in Jeb's mind at all, merely confuses the central issue of the drama, and Ardrey's return to it at the end heightens the effect of contrivance.

At the same time there is hard-hitting at the Bourbon mentality and firm indignation on the whole job issue. There is a moving scene in the mill-shed where Jeb proves to himself that he can still run an adding machine. The treatment of the Turner family has warmth, and there is an essential clarity in posing the devastating contradictions of a Jimcrow society.

The play is lost to the bungling Strange Fruit, but lacks the dramatic firmness of Deep Are The Roots.

### BASIC INDIGNATION

In his staging, Herman Shumlin tends to make over-obvious such features as the bar-prostitute's callousness, Libby's shivering, the mill-manager's nervous abruptness, so that contrived features of the script are heightened. Nevertheless, Mr. Shumlin's production has a basic social indignation that is warmly appreciated. Jo Mielziner's sets are very effective.

Ossie Davis (Jeb) gives one of the finest performances of the season. He is a mobile, expressive actor who completely wins the audience from his first entrance. There will be a separate story about him on this page tomorrow. The large supporting cast is excellent. As the mill-manager Santos Ortega communicates a tormented conscience; as Jeb's mother, Laura Bowman suggests the pathos of her situation; as Jeb's friend Julian, Maurice Ellis gives us a sense of smoldering rebellion which never bursts into flame. Libby is played by Ruby Dee; the banker by Frank M. Thomas.

The play, despite its very real limitations, is a welcome addition to the growing body of drama that seeks to deal honestly with the reality of Jimcrow, the most intolerably rotten feature of American society.

Tomorrow's issue will carry David Platt's review of the stirring Italian-made, anti-fascist film "Open City" which starts today at the World Theatre.

## Let's Discuss the Real Issues

by Samuel Sillen

ONE of our readers, a man long associated with the left cultural movement, has addressed a letter to me commenting on the recent series of articles, "Which Way Left-Wing Literature?" The letter reads in part:

"I want you to know that I, and many others with whom I have talked, do not consider your series a contribution to the fulfillment of those objectives to which we have all devoted our energies over the years.

"On the contrary, never since the most sectarian days of the old John Reed Club, when the influence of the RAPP distorted the perspectives of some of the left-wing critics, has the tone of any series of articles on literary criticism been so meretricious and so harmful. I can well understand how you could have been provoked by Albert Maltz's formulations and by some of his omissions. But your intemperate, categorical, pontifical handling of the questions and issues Maltz raised, substituted the method of intimidation for persuasion."



IT IS POSSIBLE to debate the charge. But I believe it would be far less fruitful to debate whether one individual arrogated "coercive authority" than it would be to discuss the real issue at stake. This issue is far more important than the personalities of Albert Maltz, Samuel Sillen, or the writer of the letter.

The issue is the Marxist versus non-Marxist approach to literature and the role of writers today. On this issue every Communist has not only a right but a responsibility to speak with utmost frankness, conviction and loyalty to working class principle. "The worst of errors is the fear of taking a stand," as Roger Garaudy has said. Another grievous error, it might be added, is the tendency to obscure questions of principle by concentrating on questions of tone.

The Daily Worker welcomes the most frank and free and searching discussion—a Marxist-Leninist discussion—of the creative work or the critical work of the left cultural movement. We believe that it is only on the basis of such discussion that we can make progress.

My series did not argue that the literary left was free of faults. It argued that none of our faults could be corrected unless we firmly established in our thinking and work the fact that left literature cannot be divorced from the class struggle, from the sharp rejection of capitalist values, from the perspective of socialism.

Within that framework our failings are numerous, and we can fulfill our responsibility only by recognizing and overcoming them. I can be specific with respect to our own paper, for example. We

have been lacking in leadership to the cultural activities of the labor movement, which remains backward so far as labor theatre, labor art, labor literature, etc., are concerned. The independent role of the labor movement in American culture—the central question for us today—has received little serious discussion in our press. In this respect we have not yet overcome the poison of Browderism.

Another example: We have failed to integrate the talents of our own Communist writers, artists, and so on, into the life of the paper. The gap between our cultural cadres and our Party press has to be bridged. This is only one reflection of the general disorganization of our forces during the period of revisionism.

A third example: We have provided no adequate discussion of the various trends in the cultural field that have been developing since the end of the war. We need evaluations of specific writers. We need to give a general estimate of the various books and plays dealing with Negro life.

TO THOSE who resent a passionate (and therefore "ungentlemanly") concern for correct theory, I commend these words of Lenin to Gorky in 1912: "The bourgeois, the liberals, the Social Revolutionaries, who are not serious with regard to thorny problems and crail after others, are diplomatic and are satisfied with eclecticism, love to shout about the 'wrangling' among the Social Democrats." The difference between the Social Democrats and all of them is that the wrangling has invested the Social Democrats in their group struggle with deep and clear ideological roots, while their wrangling is externally smoothed over, but inwardly is empty, petty and mean. I would never for the world exchange the acute conflict of ideas among the Social Democrats for the sleek emptiness and poverty of the Social Revolutionaries and Co."

It is for great principles that we Communists fight, for life against death, for freedom against slavery, for liberating truth against the gigantic lie on which capitalist society seeks to support itself. We feel these issues deeply, even "intemperately."

In our ranks the writer escapes from the "straitjacket" of bourgeois ideology and sheds the "uniform" of artistic servility. With us there is only one form of "coercion": the coercion of telling the entire truth about life, the coercion of a historic struggle for the liberation of mankind.

There are many defects to be analyzed and acted upon. I hope that in a spirit of Communist self-criticism and self-correction we shall engage in the most frank and serious discussion in these pages.

Let us remember that the solution of our problems requires not a retreat from Marxism, but an ever more vigilant and militant struggle for Marxism in theory and practice.

\*The name of Lenin's party at that time.

## Greenstreet And Lorrer Thriller

THREE STRANGERS, a Warner Bros. film at the Strand. Original screen play by John Huston and Howard Kech. Directed by Jean Negulesco. With Sydney Greenstreet, Peter Lorre, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Peter Whitney.

Three Strangers is another elaborately dressed thriller. The scene—pewer England—centers on an Irish sweepstakes ticket and an image of a Chinese goddess. This is the old reliable in which the Good Fairy grants her supplicants' prayer for fortune only to have money bring death and unhappiness. Peter Lorre does the heavy philosophical meditations. Sydney Greenstreet plays the grasping materialist faced with ruin unless he can make up the deficit in the well known trust fund. Geraldine Fitzgerald is the deserted wife (the story shows how it serves her right who cannot permit her ex-husband to be happy again.)

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of becoming permanently typed as a "soul destroyer" who just won't let her man go. Unfortunately, her part in this picture is not as interesting as in "Uncle Harry." Peter Whitney does nicely as a thief with a heart of gold.

C. R.

### Jazz Concert

Eddie Condon will give a Jazz Concert at Town Hall, Saturday, March 2, 5:30 p.m.

### Memorial Concert For Bela Bartok

A Memorial Concert for Bela Bartok will be presented at Times Hall (44 St. near Broadway) tonight (Monday) 8:45 p.m., under the auspices of the League of Composers. Participating in the concert will be the Budapest Quartet; Tossy Spivakovsky, violinist; Artur Balsam, Andor Foldes, pianist; Enid Szanthe, contralto.

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# Price Bulge Nears Break-Through

## OPA, ANTI-STRIKE, FEPC BILLS IN CRITICAL STAGE THIS WEEK

By ROB HALL  
Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Keep your eye on the House Banking and Currency committee this week. It is before this body that the preliminary skirmishes on price control will be fought.

A number of employers' groups, headed by the National Association of Manufacturers, will appear to argue for the defeat of HR 5270, the bill that renews the price control act and OPA for one year.

Labor representatives will appear to support the bill.

Independent businessmen, however, who would be knocked off by the big guys in a boom-or-bust period, have asked to appear in behalf of OPA continuation through the Council for American Business, Inc., a new, growing organization of 1,000 members.

CIO president Philip Murray told the steel workers celebrating the successful termination of their strike:

"It becomes our major immediate task to make sure that our success is not wiped out by any weakening in the battle for control of the price level."

Signs of such weakening were already abundant last week. Despite the statement of Chester Bowles, new director of economic stabilization, that price increases would be confined to metal-using industries, an OPA official on Friday revealed that meat prices will rise.

Food processing is one of the industries which Bowles said had enjoyed abnormally high profits and in which labor cost "is a relatively small part of the total sales dollar." It is one of the industries in which he said wage increases could be granted "with no price consequences whatsoever."

Completely contradicting this position, Frank S. Ketcham, assistant OPA general counsel, told the Senate Banking Committee that "As of this time he (Bowles) has decided the price of meat probably should be increased to take care of the wage increase."

On Thursday Paul Porter, who succeeds Bowles as price administrator, declared he would grant price increases where manufacturers are "hardship cases."

To sum it up, there is every reason to fear that the bulge in the price line, occasioned by the government's surrender to the steel

trust, will become a breakthrough seriously affecting the cost of living through price increases on food, clothing, furniture and other items.

Other items on the legislative calendar this week are as follows:

CASE BILL, HR 5262, a general anti-strike bill, recently passed by the House, is before the Senate Labor Committee. Hearings are being held on this measure along with the Ball-Hatch (S 1171) and the El-lender (S 1661) bills of the same character. Senators should be urged to defeat them.

LEA BILL, HR 5117, is aimed at the right to strike, but is disguised as simply restricting Petrillo of the Musicians. Passed in the House last Friday, it goes to conference. Senators should be urged to kill the conference report, and if this fails, President Truman should be urged to veto it.

MINIMUM WAGE BILL, HR 1349, raises the wage floor from 40 to 65 cents. Favorably reported by the Senate Labor Committee it is expected on the Senate floor this week. It needs support, particularly against crippling amendments.

SCHOOL LUNCH BILL, HR 3370 (and S 962), was passed in the House and is now in the Senate Agriculture Committee. The House version provides \$50 million for free hot lunches to the kids; the Senate version \$100 million. Tell your Senators to support S 962.

USES BILLS S 1848 and HR 4437. The House bill (HR 4437) would return USES to the states immediately. S 1848 would preserve federal standards. Urge your Senators to kill HR 4437 and support S 1848.

ANTI POLL TAX BILL, HR 7, abolishes the poll tax in federal elections. Passed by the House, it awaits Senate action. Urge your Senators to bring it up immediately after the 65 cents minimum wage bill.

FEPC BILL, HR 2232, provides a permanent FEPC, needs 52 signatures on discharge petition No. 4 to bring the bill before the House. Has your Congressman signed the petition?

## 1,000 Teachers Demand Dewey Back Pay Boost

One thousand CIO teachers in a mass meeting here yesterday demanded that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey support legislation for a \$700 salary increase.

The boost is embodied in the O'Leary Bill A.I. 847 and the Young-Emma Bills S.I. 671 and A.I. 927.

The teachers also urged Mayor O'Dwyer to drop sales tax increases and other "regressive forms of taxation." The Mayor was urged to work instead for legislation requiring the state to provide the sorely needed funds for city government.

Mrs. Rose Russell, CIO Teachers Union legislative representative, hit out at Dewey's proposals to lower personal income and corporate taxes to the tune of \$122 million. Point-

ing out that those least able to pay are not benefited, she demanded the Governor collect the money and use it for schools, subway rehabilitation and social services.

The union voted to support the demands of the CIO Transport Workers Union for a \$2 daily wage raise and collective bargaining.

Peter McLachlan, vice-president of TWU Local 100, called on the teachers as city employees to support their fellow workers on the subway lines.

## King Heads Anti-Soviet Drive-Pravda

MOSCOW, Feb. 24 (UP).—Pravda, official Communist Party newspaper, declared today that a recent statement by President Truman was indirect proof that Canadian Prime Minister Mackenzie King was spearheading a "vicious" British anti-Soviet campaign.

Pravda's International Observer continuing the Soviet attack on Canadian revelations of Russian espionage, said "that Mr. King resorted not only to an unusual but to a conscienceless method is attested incidentally by President Truman's statement to a press conference."

"It appears that last fall Mr. King told the president certain facts regarding the disclosure of secret information in Canada. Why Mr. King's reticence all this time?"

"He shut up because as a result of measures taken by the Soviet Government he couldn't but consider the relatively insignificant problem either completely settled or subject to final regulation by means of diplomatic negotiations with the Soviet Government."

"The Canadian Premier changed his line in order to wipe out the political effect of the speeches of Soviet delegates in the (United Nations) Security Council, speeches intended to safeguard legitimate democratic rights and independence of small countries, as well as divert public attention from the difficult and scandalous position in which the British Foreign Minister found himself," Pravda continued.

"Anyone who's but slightly familiar with the history of Anglo-Soviet relations knows well that in the campaign Mr. King began are present many elements of the old, not new, anti-Soviet diplomacy," Pravda said. "King's efforts are doomed to failure. Mr. King didn't help British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin and his new diplomat: Ernest undermine the Soviet Union's authority."

## FRENCH CP READY TO ASSUME POWER IF ELECTED-DUCLOS

PARIS, Feb. 24 (UP).—The Communist Party is ready to assume power in France if victorious in the forthcoming elections, Jacques Duclos, secretary of the party asserted today.

In a speech at Saint Quentin, Duclos said: "France has tried all doctrines but ours. We are ready and we have courage."

The elections are scheduled to be held within the next three months. Duclos said his party's foreign

power policy was founded on friendship for "all democratic peoples—particularly the United States, England and the Soviet Union."

The Communists are in favor of the budget retrenchment policy of the present government, Duclos said. It is a "national duty" to combat inflation and prevent the further fall of the franc by increasing production, effecting economies and creating new resources, he said.

## State Dems to Discuss City Aid

ALBANY, Feb. 24. — Democratic members of the State Legislature will caucus here tomorrow night to determine their position on city finances.

They are expected to decide to continue the fight for more aid from the state to the municipalities, instead of accepting Mayor O'Dwyer's request for power to levy more taxes on the people of the city.

The caucus will precede Tuesday's debate on the Governor's budget.

The budget calls for a cut of \$122,000,000 in state income and business taxes, and appropriates \$223,000,000 from the state surplus for initiation of a billion dollar state highway program.

Assemblyman Leo Isaacson, ALP spokesman in the Legislature, is demanding that the state give more funds to municipalities instead of cutting taxes, and that the state highway program also include funds for subway rehabilitation.

## N.Y. Transit Pay 20%-50% Below Other Cities

By MICHAEL SINGER

New York City's transit workers are being paid anywhere from 25 to 50 percent less than transit employees in other large cities of the nation, I learned from an examination of comparative wage rates. From maintenance helper to bus driver the men who keep the city rolling face a desperate struggle for survival.

If wages were wheels, New York trains, buses and trolleys would run on one wheel as compared to the transit systems in Seattle, Baltimore, Detroit and San Francisco.

During the war when workers in other industries were flocking to better-paying war jobs, the city's transit workers were told by Mayor LaGuardia:

"... I want to say that some day this war will be over, and the men who stand by us now and are not tempted by temporary employment... we will stand by them in the years to come."

### THE "YEARS TO COME"

CIO transit workers who heard that promise made on Oct. 23, 1943, at the fourth biennial convention of the union in New York City, took that pledge literally. They stayed on the job, underpaid and over-worked.

Today are those "years to come" of which LaGuardia spoke. Throughout the nation workers have struck

and are striking for a wage consistent with living needs. Prices are skyrocketing and profits soaring.

Have the workers employed by the New York City Board of Transportation the right to demand that the city keep its pledge?

The Board has been contending that the civil service status of New York transport employees forbids them the right to demand sole bargaining rights. In Seattle, in Detroit, in San Francisco, in Baltimore—the transit systems are owned by the cities and the workers have union contracts.

But even in municipalities and towns where the transit lines are privately owned—and even among transit lines in New York City which are privately owned—the workers are paid higher wages than the city-controlled transit workers here.

### THE FACTS

TICKET AGENT—A ticket agent employed by the Board of Transportation is paid 80 cents an hour. Of this 80-cent maximum, 6 to 8 percent is deducted weekly for pensions. In the case of war veterans who have returned to their jobs the pension deduction is 12 to 16 percent to cover the period they were away. And, of course, there are income tax deductions too.

A ticket agent works deep under the city where the sun never shines

and the air is cold and drafty. Pneumonia, lumbago, rheumatism and arthritis are frequent. Doctor bills come often and they run high. He is also saddled with the responsibility of handling thousands of dollars.

In Philadelphia a ticket agent is paid \$1.00 an hour, of which only 1 percent is deducted for social security. His overtime begins at 44 hours and since he works 48 hours he is paid an actual hourly rate of \$1.04.

BUS DRIVERS and TROLLEY OPERATORS—In New York City they are paid a maximum hourly rate of \$1. Six to eight percent is deducted for pensions. Their overtime starts at 54 hours.

A New York City Omnibus Corp. driver, working for a privately-owned transit line, however, is paid the straight hourly rate of \$1.04 and his overtime begins when he's worked 44 hours. This makes for an hourly rate of \$1.14. Instead of the six to eight percent pension deduction the Omnibus Corp. driver pays only one percent for social security. In Philadelphia the bus and trolley operators are also employed by private companies. They get \$1.07 an hour.

In Pittsburgh, privately-owned buses and trolley systems pay their drivers \$1.14 an hour.

In Detroit, where the transit system is city-controlled, bus and trolley drivers get \$1.22 an hour.

In San Francisco, city-owned and civil service-regulated transit lines provide their drivers with \$1.37 hourly rate.

In Seattle, also city-owned, also with a civil service transit status, bus and trolley drivers are paid \$1.34 an hour.

(In New York, remember, they get \$1.00 an hour.)

MAINTENANCE HELPERS—The magnanimous Board of Transportation considers its 85 cents an hour maximum sufficient to keep a maintenance helper and his family in food and clothing.

The top rate for the mechanic is \$1.15 an hour.

In Detroit the maintenance helper is paid \$1.00 an hour; the maintainer is paid \$1.62 an hour and the machinist is paid \$1.55 an hour.

### AND STILL MORE

Just a few more wage comparisons:

Transit painters in New York have a top hourly rate of \$1.15; they would be paid \$1.51 in Detroit. Blacksmiths working in the transit yards in New York get \$1.15 an hour; they'd be getting \$1.46 in Detroit.

Woodworkers paid by the Board of Transportation manage \$1.15 an

hour as compared to the \$1.45 for the same worker in Detroit.

Laborers on the city transit lines are paid 77 cents an hour. Detroit pays transit laborers \$1.10 an hour.

### HOW ABOUT IT?

Are the prices New York transit workers have to pay for milk, butter, shoes, rent and dental bills less than the cost of living elsewhere? Does the Board of Transportation suffer losses while other transit systems make profits? Are the New York transit workers less efficient? The answers are obviously no.

As for civil service status used by the Board of Transportation to deny bargaining rights for the union, let William Grogan, secretary of the TWU Local 100, tell the story:

"In Seattle, Detroit, San Francisco and Baltimore, the transit workers have established collective bargaining. In all those cities they work under civil service regulations. They are paid higher wages than transit workers in New York. Why?"

"Because they organized and fought for and even bled for those gains. They first had to win a CIO contract. Then they had to win collective bargaining rights. And now they've established peaceful and harmonious labor relations and a higher standard of living than we in New York."